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King Hassan to visit Libya

NEW YORK (R) — King Hassan of Morocco plans to visit Libya this month to sign a series of treaties and accords on economic, labour and legal issues, the New York Times newspaper reported Friday. Times columnist Flora Lewis, speaking to King Hassan at his palace in the southern city of Marrakesh, reported the monarch was annoyed a treaty he signed with Tripoli last year was not taken seriously by the United States and other Western nations. Libyan support for Polisario guerrillas fighting Moroccan rule in Western Sahara had ended, although this was disputed by some Western sources, and he could rely on Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi not to start it up again. Lewis quoted King Hassan as saying, "The king said Col. Qadhafi 'may have his moods, as we all do, but he keeps his word. He is a man of his word,' she said. Regarding Arab-Israeli talks, King Hassan said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's idea of starting talks on Middle East peace in the U.S. 'doesn't stand a chance,' she wrote.

S. Lebanon blasts wound 4 Israelis

TEL AVIV (AP) — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded by bomb explosions in South Lebanon on Friday, the military command announced. The command said three soldiers were wounded by a bomb planted in the road near the village of Abbasiyyeh, six kilometres northeast of the port city of Tyre. An earlier announcement said a fourth soldier was slightly wounded by a mine in the road near the village of Bourj Al Shemali on the eastern outskirts of Tyre. Israeli troops carried out searches in the areas of the attacks, the command said. The attacks followed several attempts to attack Israeli troops in South Lebanon earlier on Friday. Military sources said two roadside bombs exploded near an Israeli patrol by the Qasbiyyeh bridge front-line position over the Litani River, and eight rocket-propelled grenades were fired at an Israeli position at Bidias, six kilometres south of the bridge. No one was injured in these attacks, the sources said.

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Dumas may meet Arafat in Tunis

PARIS (R) — French External Relations Minister Roland Dumas will visit Tunisia next week and may meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, diplomatic sources said. The Tunisia trip is the third and last leg of a round of visits by Mr. Dumas to North African countries. He has already been to Algeria and Morocco. A spokesman for the external affairs ministry, could not confirm that Mr. Dumas would meet Mr. Arafat, but said it was not out of the question.

PLO dissidents arrive in Libya

LONDON (R) — Palestinian leaders opposed to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat have arrived in Libya, Tripoli Radio reported Friday. The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, did not say whom they would meet or what they would discuss. The delegation, which arrived in Tripoli Thursday night, included Colonel Said Musa (Abu Musa), who led a revolt in Mr. Arafat's Fateh commando group in 1983, and Khaled Fahoum, who was ejected as speaker of the Palestine National Council last November for failing to hold a PNC meeting.

Masked men attack bus in Gaza

TEL AVIV (R) — Two masked men Thursday attacked a bus carrying Arab workers in the occupied Gaza Strip and were stopped by Israeli soldiers from setting it on fire, Israel Television reported. It was the third time in 10 days assailants have attacked buses in the occupied territories transporting Palestinians. In Thursday's attack, the two men ordered the workers off the bus, smashed its windows and began setting it on fire when an Israeli army patrol passed by and intervened, the report said.

Strauss ends visit to Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — West German conservative leader Franz-Josef Strauss left for home Friday after four days of talks with Israeli leaders, officials said. Mr. Strauss, leader of the right-wing Christian Social Union in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition government, earlier Friday met Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Iranian Baha'is seek U.N. help

GENEVA (R) — Representatives of the Baha'i religious community have appealed to the United Nations Human Rights Commission to try to save three members of the faith under sentence of death in Iran, a Baha'i spokesman said Friday. The spokesman said he had received word from Iran that a Baha'i member, Rubulshah Bahramshahi, was executed by firing squad in the city of Yazd on Monday. It was feared that the three others would also be put to death, he added. Baha'is are regarded as heretics by Iran's Islamic fundamentalist government.

Iraqi diplomat, son shot dead in Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — An Iraqi diplomat and his son were shot dead by four gunmen in their home in Kuwait early Friday. The motive for the killings was unclear.

The wife of the diplomat, Hadi Awad Saeed, escaped unhurt, apparently unseen by the attackers who sped away from their victims' apartment in a waiting car, diplomats said. The Kuwait News Agency said Mr. Saeed, assistant cultural counsellor at the Iraqi embassy, and his son Hosni were shot at around 1.30 a.m. local time (2230 GMT Thursday). Their ages were not disclosed. The son died in their home and

have been one possible motive, they said. In Baghdad, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry denounced the attack as "an act of cowardice" and called on the Kuwaiti authorities to take measures to arrest and punish the killers. Kuwaiti officials could not be reached for comment, nor could officials at the Iraqi embassy here. The Iraqi ambassador, Abdul Jabbar Omar Ghani, the dean of Kuwait's diplomatic corps, was thought to be in Baghdad. Local residents reported vehicle security checks in parts of Kuwait Friday, but it was unclear whether these were linked to the double murder.

Lebanon seeks Security Council condemnation of Israeli practice

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Lebanon has called on the U.N. Security Council to condemn Israeli military actions in southern Lebanon and to reaffirm earlier resolutions demanding Israel's withdrawal from the country. A delegation of Arab ambassadors to the United States also appealed to Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam for U.S. support against Israeli atrocities in southern Lebanon.

However, the United States said Thursday that Lebanon's decision to take its complaint against Israel to the U.N. Security Council might worsen an already volatile situation in southern Lebanon. "Lebanon," proposed that the 15-nation council condemn "Israeli practices and measures against the civilian population" and reaffirm earlier calls for Israeli withdrawal from the country.

The council was called into session following a series of incidents that Lebanese Ambassador Raed Fakhoury said stemmed from "a policy of the iron fist." He said the Israeli occupying forces, besieged entire villages, tortured Lebanese inhabitants and two days ago raided a hospital, trying to enter the operating room where a wounded Lebanese was being treated (See page 2).

council adjourned without setting a date for its next meeting on the question. Diplomats said the next session was likely to be late next week.

Lebanese Ambassador Abdullah Bughabib, who led the Arab delegation to talks with Mr. Dam, said the group had not been asked by Mr. Dam's response to be requested to put pressure on the Israelis and back the Lebanese move in the Security Council. He told reporters Mr. Dam had replied that if the Security Council voted on a resolution to condemn Israel, the United States would cast a veto.

In Beirut, Lebanon's Information Minister Joseph Skaf said Tuesday that Israel was trying to cover up what its atrocities in South Lebanon by preventing Beirut-based journalists from entering Israeli-occupied areas. Mr. Skaf said: "The fact that Israel gives permission only to correspondents (based) in Israel to enter the south and censor their coverage is categorical proof of the atrocities it is committing," Lebanon's National News Agency reported.

Ershad reimposes martial law restrictions

DHAKA (AP) — Bangladesh military ruler President Gen. Hussain Mohammad Ershad tightened martial law Friday — imposing a curfew and banning political activity — but said he would hold a popular referendum this month on his policies.

Addressing the nation over radio and television Friday evening, Gen. Ershad said he had decided to seek a verdict on government programmes directly from the people as a step toward a promised switchover to democracy. Earlier, Gen. Ershad said elections scheduled for April 6, which had twice been postponed, could not be held because of resistance from opposition parties.

The government also announced a ban on all political activities and a five-hour curfew starting at midnight each day. Such restrictions under martial law had been relaxed in early 1984.

Opposition reaction to Gen. Ershad's speech was not immediately available, but opposition leaders Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina earlier said they opposed a referendum, saying it ignored their demands for an end to martial law and a parliamentary election held under a neutral caretaker government.

Gen. Ershad, who swept to power in a bloodless military coup in March 1982, said in his address that martial law will not be withdrawn or relaxed unless the "necessary satisfactory atmosphere and situation" can be created. Bangladeshi universities closed down indefinitely, page 8.

Kyprianou dismisses parliamentary censure

NICOSIA (AP) — President Spyros Kyprianou Friday, rejected a parliamentary motion calling on him to resign for mishandling peace talks with the Turkish Cypriots for the reunification of the war-divided island.

"Even though I have reached the conclusion that I must not alienate my authority, nor resign from my office, I recognise that there is a political crisis in the country," Mr. Kyprianou declared in a lengthy radio and television address.

"It is not with ease that I make my choice today. I am concerned with the political crisis and I am fully aware of the consequences of my decision," Mr. Kyprianou added.

Mr. Kyprianou, who has completed only two of his five-year term, said that "I sincerely believe that not only would it be wrong to do so, but also terribly dangerous to lead the country to early elections."

"I understand that my stand is shared by the large majority of the people, irrespective of political or

party alliance," he added. Mr. Kyprianou was giving his considered response to the parliamentary motion approved 23-12 last Friday, with the 11 members of the right-wing Democratic Rally voting against the president in rare unanimity with the 12 members of the Cyprus Communist Party Akel.

The censure motion held Mr. Kyprianou partly responsible for the failure of the summit meeting with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş, at the United Nations in New York last January.

The motion said Turkish intransigence was also to blame but criticised Mr. Kyprianou for rejecting a preliminary draft agreement presented by U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

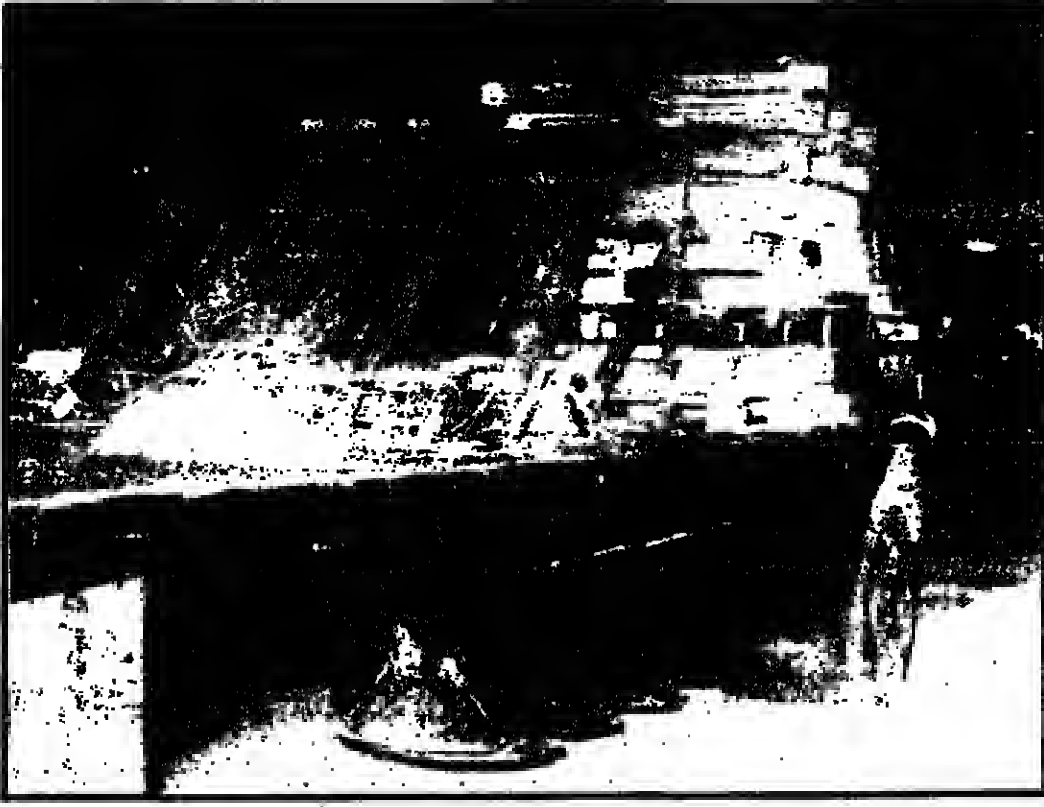
The thrust of the censure was that Mr. Kyprianou, the leader of the small Centrist Democratic Party, lacked the necessary electoral support to pursue a policy different from that of the majority parties in parliament.

France, Germany agree on EC budget, but not pollution

PARIS (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand have agreed on how to handle the European Community's (EC) budget problems and a need to bring Spain and Portugal into the group next January. But at a regular conference here Thursday they failed to resolve a lengthy dispute between their countries on a planned introduction of tighter pollution controls on vehicles. While community foreign ministers meeting in Brussels rem-

ained deadlocked on Iberian entry terms, Dr. Kohl and Mr. Mitterrand made plain that their willingness to help plug the community budget deficit and pay a budget refund to Britain depended on Spanish and Portuguese entry on the January 1, 1986, target date.

Mr. Mitterrand told a news conference at the Elysee Palace that West Germany had agreed that Britain's budget refund could be paid this December from the community's 1986 resources. And he said France was pre-



IRA MORTAR BASE: The truck from which an attack was launched on the Royal Ulster Constabulary station at Newry on Thursday killing nine people. Police said the Irish Republican Army was believed to be behind the attack (AP wirephoto)

Abdul-Maguid meets Aziz amid debates over Mubarak initiative

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul-Maguid and his Iraqi counterpart Tariq Aziz Friday held talks believed to centre on a new Egyptian proposal for peace talks to break the current deadlock in efforts for a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. However, the Iraqi News Agency (INA), only said Mr. Abdul Maguid and Mr. Aziz reviewed regional issues. It did not indicate whether the two men discussed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's Middle East peace initiative.

In Cairo, sources close to the Egyptian government were quoted by Reuters as saying Mr. Abdul

Maguid was visiting Iraq as part of a drive to canvass support for the initiative. The news agency also quoted diplomatic sources in Baghdad as saying Mr. Abdul Maguid had a letter from Mr. Mubarak for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein which was "within the framework of continued consultations" between the two countries. INA said Mr. Aziz, who is also deputy prime minister, and Mr. Abdul Maguid exchanged points of view in a "cordial and subjective way."

Mr. Abdul Maguid's trip follows a week of intensified Middle East contacts between Egypt and Israel after President Mubarak

'Star Wars' could herald nuclear war — Gromyko

MADRID (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Friday President Reagan's "Star Wars" project could push the world closer to nuclear conflict.

He said the possibility of nuclear war would not be an exaggeration if the arms race were allowed to spread into space. Mr. Gromyko was speaking at a luncheon given by Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran on the second day of an official three-day visit to Spain.

In a clear reference to President Reagan's plans to deploy anti-missile systems in space, the Soviet foreign minister added: "Projects to achieve military supremacy will not materialise either on earth or in outer space." He praised the Spanish socialist government's decision to keep Spain nuclear-free.

He said his talks in Madrid had mainly dealt with ways to prevent the militarisation of space, to contain the arms race and avert nuclear war.

Without specifically mentioning the U.S., Mr. Gromyko poured scorn on Washington for maintaining disarmament could be achieved by manufacturing ever more sophisticated weapons.

He said the scrapping of the "Star Wars" project would open the possibility of agreement between the superpowers on a major reduction of strategic and medium-range nuclear missiles.

In his toast, Mr. Moran said Spain was a Western country but

aspired to maintain a margin of autonomy in its foreign policy. Spanish officials said they were delighted with the progress of talks with Mr. Gromyko, who appears intentionally to have played down Moscow's criticism of Spain's decision to remain in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Mr. Gromyko, who met Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez after his arrival from Rome Thursday, spent one hour with King Juan Carlos at the Royal Zarzuela Palace Friday.

The Soviet and Spanish foreign ministers were due later Friday to sign three accords on cultural exchanges, double taxation and access to historic archives. Mr. Gromyko returns to Moscow Saturday.

Mr. Gromyko accused the U.S. of seeking to impose its will on Moscow by converting space into a "combat zone."

He said the claim that the American space project was defensive was a total illusion.

"(They) are trying to hide the blame for their aggression behind an anti-missile shield," he said.

He said the Soviet Union would enter the Geneva disarmament talks with the U.S. later this month in search of "honest and mutually effective accords."

Talk of the danger of nuclear war may appear to be an exaggeration but it is not, Mr. Gromyko stated.

'Damages' done by Norwegian 'spy' may never be made public

OSLO (R) — The damage caused by Arne Treholt, the former Norwegian official on trial for spying, will probably never be made public, Western diplomats said Friday.

Mr. Treholt is charged with passing top-level NATO military secrets to Soviet KGB agents, but the diplomats said details will be discussed in a secret session of the court.

Mr. Treholt's trial entered its fifth day Friday, and the former Norwegian junior government minister was cross-examined fiercely by state prosecutors about his claims that his contacts with KGB officials were harmless and promoted East-West relations.

The trial is expected to last about five weeks, but Mr. Treholt has already admitted handing over official documents marked "highly confidential," which he said could not harm Norwegian national security.

The documents contained an assessment by Norway's Moscow ambassador on the Soviet Union after the death of President Leonid Brezhnev, which Mr. Treholt received while a student at the Norwegian defence college.

This was included in a long list of information alleged to have been handed over by Mr. Treholt.

Iranians rocket Greek ship heading for Kuwait

BAHRAIN (AP) — Iranian warplanes Friday rocketed and badly damaged a Greek-owned vessel, the Albanian Xenophon, in the central part of the Gulf waterway as it was heading to Kuwait to lift a shipment of petroleum products, Gulf shipping sources reported.

A Polish member of the crew was "seriously injured" in the raid, and a helicopter, believed to be from a U.S. warship rotating in the southern part of the Gulf waters, was flying toward the vessel to lift him off for treatment, the sources said.

The London-based Lloyds shipping intelligence unit said the 18,509-gross ton vessel was hit by four rockets at approximately 1500 hours local time (1200 GMT).

According to Lloyds, the attack "totally destroyed the accommodations on the portside." A spokesman for the Pireaus-based Mino Kyriakou Company that owns the Cyprus-flag vessel added that a fire was started aboard but the crew managed to extinguish it.

The location of the attack was approximately the same area some 70 miles northeast of Qatar, off the Shah Olam Shoals, where Iranian warplanes raided other ships in the Gulf waterway.

The Gulf shipping sources who said the Athenian Xenophon was headed for the Kuwaiti port of Mina Al Ahmadi, commented that the Iranian warplanes "were able to select their target properly this time." In their last attack in the area on Wednesday, the Iranian warplanes raided a vessel heading for their own oil terminal at Kharg Island.



Spain's King Juan Carlos (right) receives Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko for a one-hour meeting at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid on Friday (AP wirephoto)

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Israeli troops haul patients from hospital beds in Tyre

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — Israeli troops hunting commandos in South Lebanon take patients from their beds in Tyre's main hospital and recently took an unconscious wounded man from the operating room, doctors at the hospital said.

Dr. Ahmad Mroue, director of the 100-bed Jbel Anel Hospital, recalls tense incidents with the Israelis ever since an Israeli bomb wrecked the third floor in fighting during the 1982 Israeli invasion, and troops forced doctors to kneel in the road after taking the city.

But tension has risen since Israeli troops last month stepped up raids on the hospital in the hunt for Shiite Muslim commandos attacking them in the Tyre region, he said.

"We have so many troubles with the Israelis that I can't count them," Dr. Mroue told Reuters on a tour of the bullet-scarred hospital. He said that last month it received 110 civilians wounded by gunfire and 12 who had been shot dead.

Israeli troops repeatedly searched wards for suspects, ignoring his protests. Once they took 15 people, and last month they seized four patients and Hospital Laboratory Chief Jamal Zein and his two women assistants, Dr. Mroue said.

Israeli officers accused him of harbouring commandos demanded names of wounded patients, and threatened to destroy the hospital when he refused, he added.

stood outside a week ago and shot at it, he added.

"Every three or four days they shoot at the hospital and we keep having to put in new windows," Dr. Mroue said, peering at an Israeli machine-gunner in a raised steel tower whose weapon pointed at the rear of the hospital.

Inside rear wards, walls are pitted with bullet holes, some near the beds. Trajectories studied by reporters indicated they came from the direction of the Israeli machine-gunner.

"Once a bullet hit a patient's pillow as he was sleeping. Once they wounded two patients at night. So we keep all the rear wards empty except for emergency needs," Dr. Mroue said.

He said he protested last month when Israeli soldiers entered the operating theatre to seize a wounded Shiite named Hussein Tabl from the post-operative recovery room.

"I tried to stop them but it's impossible," he was arguing, saying you can't come in. I protested to the International Red Cross, the Lebanese Red Cross and United Nations peacekeeping troops, but they said they could not protect us.

"The man had a bullet wound in the lung. He was in the post-operative unit beside the operating theatre when 10 Israeli soldiers came in with automatic rifles. Three or four came through the operating room to get him."

"It was 30 minutes after the operation and he was still unconscious from anesthesia when they took him," Dr. Mroue said.

Dr. Muhammad Makki, a surgeon, said a badly wounded man was brought on Tuesday from an Israeli camp with his ankles bound.

"I was in the operating room when they brought a man with a bullet wound in the thorax, whose ankles were tied together with rope," Dr. Makki said. "Two Israeli soldiers were beside him in the emergency room as we worked. He died after surgery."

"I think he was shot at close range because his liver, spleen, pancreas and intestines were destroyed. I think it was an exploding bullet because there was no exit hole."

Dr. Mroue said the man was a 25-year-old Palestinian named Sagheh Muhammad taken from his home the night before. "He was shot at 7.00 a.m. and they called us at 9.00 a.m. We fetched him from inside the Israeli camp and he died of bleeding."

Doctors now had to sleep at the hospital because the Israelis refused to let them travel during night curfew hours, and medical supplies had run low since the Israelis cut off Tyre from the rest of Lebanon 10 days ago, Dr. Mroue said.

"If they don't let us get materials we will not be able to work. But this hospital will not close under any circumstances. It is the only one in the area that can do major surgery," he declared.

Lebanese death toll reaches 139 in February

BEIRUT (R) — At least 139 people died violently in Lebanon last month, of whom 88 were killed in the Israeli-occupied South, security, militia and hospital sources said.

They said 26 people were killed in five car bomb explosions which were among 50 bomb blasts during the month. In addition, one man blew himself up when he drove an explosives-packed car into an Israeli patrol in the South, wounding 10 Israelis.

The February death toll was higher than January's figure of 106, but well down on the 490 killed in February 1984, most in clashes between the army and opposition militias in and around Beirut.

In the South in February this year, 52 people were killed by Israeli troops or their Lebanese militia allies, and 16 were killed for alleged collaboration with Israel. Twelve others died in unexplained circumstances.

Israel says commando in southern Lebanon killed seven Israeli soldiers, including two high-ranking officers.

Three people died in an Israeli air raid on a Palestinian commando base in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Car bombs, two in the northern

Israel may approve next pullout stage Sunday

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's cabinet is expected to approve the next stage of the army's withdrawal from Lebanon when it meets on Sunday, a senior government source has said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres convened his 10-man inner cabinet Thursday. While no formal vote was taken, there was a consensus that the pullback should begin immediately and a final decision was expected on Sunday, the source said.

Defence officials say they will not set a date for the completion of this second phase, from south east Lebanon near the Syrian border, preferring to permit flexibility.

The operation, which involves moving heavy equipment and artillery over treacherous, snow-covered mountains, will take up to three months, army radio reported Thursday.

It will be the second stage of a three-phase withdrawal agreed by the government to January to end Israel's 32-month occupation of Lebanon by summer. The first phase, from the Sidon area, was completed two weeks ago.

A reduced contingent of Israeli troops will occupy Southern Lebanon up to the Litani River until the final withdrawal, which will

leave a security band along the border to be manned by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia.

Israeli troops, who have suffered 621 deaths since the invasion, came under intensified attack by Shiite Muslim commandos once the decision to leave the area was announced.

The army has instituted tough reprisal measures in the last 10 days, raiding villages, destroying houses and expelling suspected commando sympathisers.

An Israel-based Reuters correspondent touring Israeli positions in south west Lebanon Thursday was told by frontline commanders that the new policy was working because attacks on Israeli troops had fallen in recent days.

They confirmed having imposed a dawn-to-dusk curfew on main roads linking a number of Shiite villages east of Tyre. In addition, no one is allowed to travel alone in a car or motorcycle to prevent suicide attacks, they said.

Describing the raids, the soldiers said they rounded up all males aged 16 to 65 in a public place such as a schoolyard while they searched their houses for arms.

Lebanese men, women and children fight alongside army against Israelis

KAUWHARIYET AS SIYAD, Lebanon (R) — Shiite Muslims of this hill-top village overlooking Israel's new line in South Lebanon have said they helped the Lebanese army fight its rare battle with Israeli troops Wednesday.

"Eight-year-olds and women were passing up the ammunition. Boys aged 12 to old men of 60 were fighting," Mustapha, a villager who said he took part in the fighting, told Reuters.

One villager was wounded in the exchange of fire.

Armed villagers stood side-by-side with Lebanese soldiers looking over a bare valley to the Israeli positions. Behind their lines, a series of rocky outcrops along the hill-top, lay hundreds of spent cartridge cases.

Soldiers said the exchange, the first in years between the Israeli

and Lebanese armies, started when an Israeli foot patrol of about 16 men crossed their front lines and advanced up a rocky slope to within 50 metres of the first house of the village.

One villager said: "We were going to open fire because we thought they were coming to blow up houses and arrest people on their wanted list, but the army ordered us to hold our fire."

A soldier took up the story: "An officer waved at them to stop. They didn't, so he shot a round in the air. The Israelis ran back for cover and started shooting at us."

The gunbattle lasted for about 90 minutes, witnesses said.

Villagers fired two anti-armour rocket-propelled grenades at about a dozen Israeli tanks that they said took up several positions

1,000 metres away on the Israeli line, a line of hills across the valley.

Israeli forces fired three shells in and around the village, at least one of them a smoke grenade to cover the Israeli foot patrol's retreat back to Israeli lines, villagers said.

Army sources said a cease-fire was arranged through the U.N. peacekeeping force stationed south of Tyre.

The local army commander said the incident — described by Israel as "an accident" — showed the Lebanese army would not give back any of the territory abandoned by Israel 10 days ago.

Soldiers said the 300-man army unit, like the 3,000 villagers, was almost exclusively Shiite and that they had enjoyed the fight.

Syrian hijackers of Lufthansa surrender

VIENNA (R) — Two Syrians who hijacked a West German airliner to Vienna by threatening two air hostesses with cutlery and broken bottles have surrendered after being told they would be treated humanely and fair treatment here.

A police spokesman said, But Austrian Interior Minister Karl Blesha said they would face trial on air piracy charges.

The men had earlier released

the plane's 33 passengers, mostly Syrians and Jordanians, but including British, Swedish, West German, Japanese, Irish and U.S. nationals.

They seized the Lufthansa Boeing 727 over Munich Wednesday after West Germany, refusing political asylum, put them aboard the regular Damascus-bound flight in Frankfurt.

He added: "Germany sells zero arms to the Arab World, unlike a lot of other countries you consider your friends."

Several Israeli parliamentarians have boycotted his visit in protest over his stance that West Germany should sell Leopard-2 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Strauss said that although Bonn would probably not in the end sell the tanks to Saudi Arabia, Israeli protests had helped promote the weapon.

"Due to the noise about the tank here, it has got far more renown than it deserves. Your protests have been excellent public relations for us," he said.

Asked whether he favoured an international conference on Middle East, he replied: "An international conference is desirable only if it is possible from a diplomatic point of view. It is better to have no international conference than one that fails."

Abdul-Maguid meets Aziz amid debate

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meet a Jordan-Palestinian negotiating team. Then it would draw in Israel. Others, presumably including Syria which lost its Golan Heights to Israel in 1967, would come in next. Only when accord was reached in direct talks would a conference be held.

But in Tunis Thursday night a PLO spokesman quoted by the Palestinian Wafa news agency insisted that a conference was "the only proper framework for finding a just solution."

"The PLO considers that an international conference under United Nations auspices is the only proper framework for finding a just solution to the Palestine question and the Middle East crisis and for ending Israeli occupation of all occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem," the PLO spokesman said.

He said such a conference should group the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and all parties involved in the Middle East conflict, including the PLO on an equal footing with other participants.

The statement did not refer to Mr. Mubarak personally, but only to "statements attributed to Egyptian officials within the current political and diplomatic action in the Arab region."

Mr. Mubarak, in an interview with the New York Times last week, said his proposal envisaged a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and the PLO should name the members the Palestinian side to the delegation.

The Reagan administration said

Thursday it welcomed statements of support for direct negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

But White House spokesman Larry Spokes repeated the U.S. position that the time was not yet right for the administration to launch a new peace initiative in the region.

"We are ready to step in and be helpful when the time is appropriate... it is up to them to get started, to set the tone," he said.

President Mubarak, who will meet President Reagan in Washington on March 12, called again Wednesday for an active U.S. role in new peace efforts.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has said he supports Mr. Mubarak's call for direct talks.

Speakers noted that Mr. Peres agreed such talks could be "a worthwhile endeavour" and added that it was important that "a climate be created in which peace talks are possible in the region."

Envoys have been shuttling between Egypt and Israel — Avraham Tamir, director-general of Mr. Peres' office, was in Cairo Thursday — and a PLO official, Nabil Sh'ath, met Mr. Mubarak on Wednesday.

Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal returned to Israel Thursday from talks in Cairo and said he was bearing a personal message from President Mubarak.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc, Thursday returned from a trip to Europe and immediately voiced objections to Mr. Mubarak's plan.

"I don't see the proposal as a

contribution to peace," said Mr. Shamir, who is to replace Mr. Peres as prime minister in 19 months under the terms of the coalition.

Mr. Shamir said the Mubarak initiative was "a transparent plan" for the United States to enter into official contacts with the PLO.

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, also from the Likud, said his party would never take part in a peace plan that involved giving up the occupied territories.

Uri Baram, secretary-general of Mr. Peres' Labour Party, accused the Likud of trying to torpedo the plan and break up the fragile coalition.

Though the differences have not yet threatened the uneasy alliance between Likud and Labour, the two sides seemed unlikely to agree on a common stand if peace negotiations ever began.

Mr. Peres' alliance government came to power last September because neither Labour nor Likud won enough support to rule in an inconclusive general election.

The reactions of two ministers without portfolio, Moshe Arens and Ezer Weizman, vividly illustrated cabinet divisions on the Mubarak initiative.

Mr. Arens, of the Likud, told the Hadashot newspaper there was nothing new in Mr. Mubarak's ideas and most of them were unacceptable to Israel.

Mr. Weizman, who played a key role in negotiating the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian treaty, told the Jerusalem Post that those who believed there was nothing new in the Mubarak proposals were "idiots, and I don't argue with idiots."

Strauss defends arms sales to Arabs

TEL AVIV (R) — Visiting West German politician Franz-Josef Strauss has defended his country's right to sell weapons to Arab countries if other nations did.

The right-wing Bavarian prime minister, on a four-day visit to Israel, has been strongly criticised by Israelis who say the Germans have a special responsibility not to sell arms to the Arabs in light of the Nazi massacres.

"Is it better to be killed by a British or American missile rather than by a German missile?" Mr. Strauss asked at a news conference. "I really think you shouldn't pull the rope too hard on this issue."

He added: "Germany sells zero arms to the Arab World, unlike a lot of other countries you consider your friends."

Several Israeli parliamentarians have boycotted his visit in protest over his stance that West Germany should sell Leopard-2 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Strauss said that although Bonn would probably not in the end sell the tanks to Saudi Arabia, Israeli protests had helped promote the weapon.

"Due to the noise about the tank here, it has got far more renown than it deserves. Your protests have been excellent public relations for us," he said.

Asked whether he favoured an international conference on Middle East, he replied: "An international conference is desirable only if it is possible from a diplomatic point of view. It is better to have no international conference than one that fails."

CAEU chief returns to Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Mahdi Al Obaidi returned to Amman Thursday at the end of a visit to Tunis where he took part in the Arab Social and Economic Council's meeting held at the Arab League headquarters.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Mr. Obaidi said that the council discussed the projected U.S.-Israeli free trade zone and European nations' moves to issue legislations aimed at countering regulations of Arab boycott of Israel.

The council has reaffirmed the Arab countries' adherence to the boycott regulations, Mr. Obaidi said.

During his stay in Tunis, Mr. Obaidi said he held talks with Assistant Arab League Secretary General Abdul Hassan Zalzala on inter-Arab economic affairs and met with the Tunisian minister of planning to discuss Tunisian cooperation with the CAEU.

JORDAN TELEVISION	
MAIN CHANNEL	23:00 News Summary
Morning Programmes	23:05 Country Music
08:00 Sports	23:57 News Headlines
08:30 Children's Programme	24:00 Close down
08:50 English Teaching	
09:00 First Aid	
10:00 Cartoons	
10:30 Children's Programmes	
10:50 Animal Animals	
11:00 Candid Camera	
11:30 Local Programme	
11:50 Scientific Programme	
12:00 News in Arabic	
12:30 Arabic Series	
12:50 Programme Review	
13:00 Arabic Film	
13:30 News in Arabic	
13:50 Film Cont'd.	
14:00 Foreign Channel	
14:30 German Programme	
14:50 Des chiffres et des lettres	
15:00 L'ecole des fans	
15:30 News in French	
15:50 L'apparement	
16:00 News in Hebrew	
16:30 Tales of the Unexpected	
16:50 Saturday Variety Show	
17:00 News in English	
17:30 Feature film: Emperor of the North Pole	
RADIO JORDAN	
853 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM & party on 9560 KHz, SW	
07:00 Light Music	
07:30 Newsdesk	
08:00 Morning Show	
08:30 News Summary	
09:00 Pop Session	
09:30 News Summary	
10:00 Pop Session cont'd.	
10:30 News Summary	
11:00 Pop Session cont'd.	
11:30 News Bulletin	
12:00 Jordan Weekly	
12:30 Music	
13:00 Concert Hour	
13:30 News Summary	
14:00 Instrumentals	
14:30 Old Favourites	
15:00 Talking Points	
15:30 Animal Vegetable Mineral	
16:00 News Summary	
16:30 Top Twenty	
17:00 News	
17:30 Date with a Star	
18:00 The 15th Century A.H.	
18:30 The Young Sunday	
19:00 News Summary	
19:30 25 Years of Rock	
20:00 News Summary	
20:30 The Blues	

WHAT'S GOING ON	
TODAY'S EVENTS	weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.
EXHIBITIONS	
* An exhibition about the Jordanian fauna and animal life at the French Cultural Centre (FCC).	
* A Korean photo and traditional handicrafts exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.	
SERVICE CLUBS	
Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.	
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7.30 p.m.	
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.	
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2.00 p.m.	
Royal Automobile Club, Jbel Amman, Eighth Circle, Tel. 812661.	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267	
American Centre Library - 44371	
American Centre Library - 41520	
British Council - 36147-8	
French Cultural Centre - 37009	
German Cultural Centre - 41923	
Goethe Institute - 41923	
Soviet Cultural Centre - 24049	
Spanish Cultural Centre - 39777	
Turkish Cultural Centre - 665195	
Hayat Arts Centre - 667181	
Hussein Youth City - 41793	
Y.W.C.A. - 664251	
Amman Municipal Library - 36111	
University of Jordan Library - 843555	
MUSEUMS	
Fellahi Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.	
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jbel Al Qaf'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.	
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mousazeh, Jbel Lawzeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.	
Marjeh Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. 664240.	
Popular Life of Jordan Museums: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes,	
CHURCHES	
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jbel Amman, tel. 24590.	
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jbel Lawzeh, 37440.	
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jbel Hussein, 661757.	
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, 23541.	
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jbel Amman, 23383.	
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71131.	
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 77261.	
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 77151.	
Jordan Archaeological Museum (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, 816534.	
PRAYER TIMES	
06:45 Fajr	
06:07 Sunrise	
11:59 Dhur	
15:06 'Asr	
17:33 Maghreb	
18:55 'Isha	

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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ARRIVALS

09:30	Agaba (RJ)
09:30	Dubai, Karachi (RJ)
09:45	Cairo (RJ)
09:45	Kuwait (RJ)
09:55	Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
09:55	Dhahran (RJ)
10:20	Cairo (MS)
10:20	Beirut (RJ)
10:45	Riyadh (RJ)
10:45	Singapore, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
10:50	Larana, Damascus (RJ)
12:00	Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GF)
14:40	Kuwait (KU)
14:50	Baghdad (IA)
17:25	Athens (RJ)
17:30	Frankfurt, Copenhagen (RJ)
18:30	Paris, Damascus (AF)
18:30	Cairo (RJ)
19:45	Tripoli (RJ)
20:40	Rome, Damascus (AZ)
20:50	Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)
08:45	Cairo (RJ)
11:10	Baghdad (RJ)
11:10	Bucharest, Larana (RO)

DEPARTURES

08:45	Cairo (RJ)
08:50	Damascus, Frankfurt (LA)
07:10	Beirut (RJ)
07:15	Agaba (RJ)
08:30	Athens (OA)
08:45	Beirut (MEA)
11:15	Tripoli (RJ)
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11:30	Athens (RJ)
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20:45	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
21:10	Cairo (RJ)
21:10	Baghdad (RJ)
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Irani dinar	266.6	370.6
Italian lire (for 100)	19.9	20.2
Japanese yen (for 100)	159.7	161
Kuwait dinar	13.57	13.61
Lebanese lira	28.5	29.4
Omani rial	1203.3	1207.5
Ottari rial	119.4	115.1
Saudi rial	115	115.7
Suezian crown	43.9	44.2
Swiss franc	145.9	147.1
Syrian lira	34.9	35.8
UAE dirham	112.8	113.4
U.K. sterling pound	449.6	453.2
U.S. dollar	416.4	416.5
W. German mark	124.3	125.3

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A slight increase in temperature is expected, with light and variable winds which will change to southeasterly moderate. In Agaba, winds will be northerly, moderate and calm seas.

Low/high temperature in deg. C

Amman	8/12
Agaba	8/19
Deserts	0/23
Jordan Valley	5/18

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 8.5, Agaba 17. Humidity readings: Amman 62 per cent, Agaba 43 per cent.

Home news

Jordan marks anniversary of national armed forces

AMMAN (Petra) — Friday March 1st marked the 29th anniversary of the Arabisation of the Jordanian Armed Forces upon the orders of His Majesty King Hussein. The King ordered the termination of the services of General John Glubb, the commander of the armed forces, and said that Jordanian officers should take up the command of the armed forces in the country.

The move was significant in view of the ongoing Arab-Israeli conflict and the dangers that Israel's occupation of Palestine presented to the Arab Nation. It also came as a manifestation of Jordan's desire to rid itself from foreign colonial domination.

The armed forces have since then been strengthened and supplied with sophisticated weapons required for defending the homeland. Under King Hussein, the armed forces have been made able to absorb modern military technology to cope with all eventualities in war and peace.

TCC forms committee for telephone bill complaints

AMMAN (Petra) — A higher committee has been formed at the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) to deal with telephone subscribers' protests and complaints regarding high telephone bills, according to Minister of Communications Mohammad Addoub al Zahen.

Dr. Zahen, who is the chairman of the board of directors of the TCC, has announced that complaints and contested bills will be received at the TCC headoffice in Amman and all its offices in the country and will be forwarded immediately to Amman.

The minister said that each case will be registered, classified, analysed and at the end of the week referred to the committee which will take a decision on the matter and assess the causes of errors.

The committee was formed from senior TCC officials and will be working full-time and overtime on the task, he added.

UNESCO, welfare fund hold Arab education seminar today

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in cooperation with the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) will hold a week-long seminar on the management and administration of special education in the Arab World.

The seminar, due to start on Saturday, will discuss a number of working papers pertaining to strategies in the development of special education centres in Arab countries.

The seminar, which will be attended by representatives from Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait and Lebanon will be held at the QAJWF headquarters.

Postal savings total JD 6.97m in 1984

AMMAN (Petra) — Investments of the Postal Saving Fund (PSF) totalled JD 6,966,304 during the year 1984, a PSF report said. The number of depositors at the 254 fund offices all over Jordan amounted to 150,000, the report added.

Poultry industry grows with increasing support, attention

By Olga Mikhail
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The poultry industry in Jordan is growing as it receives increasing support and attention from both the private and public sectors. As poultry is a major sector in agriculture, the Jordanian government, represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, is supporting the industry and encouraging it to become a specialised business.

The world's demand for animal protein has grown and consequently the demand in Jordan for such protein has also grown, especially for poultry meat, which is relatively cheap compared to other animal protein sources such as beef and pork.

The poultry industry is a very broad sector of agriculture, involving both egg and meat production. Poultry meat production is divided into the production of chicken broilers, roasters, turkeys, ducks and geese.

In the past, poultry farming was entirely a backyard operation with poultry often raised in small flocks in towns and villages and on farms. These small flocks used to supply eggs and meat for family use and for sale to city markets.

This industry has now become highly specialised and most of the breeding and hatching that used to be done in the past by farmers is now done by specially trained geneticists who have been able to develop strains of birds with high production potentials.

In Jordan the first commercial poultry production started in 1960 in the West Bank. Farms produced only chickens and were self-sufficient in chicken meat prior to the 1967 war. After the war, the poultry industry moved to the East Bank, but due to the difficulties caused by the war, production was very slow. It was not until the second half of 1970 that

Jordan again became self-sufficient in eggs and chickens.

Consumption

Nowadays, Jordan's consumption of broiler meat is 50,000 tonnes per annum requiring the production of 50 million chicks each year. Broiler consumption per capita is 19 kilograms per annum while in the Gulf countries broiler consumption per capita is 32 kilograms per annum.

In Jordan there are 1,144 broiler farms, 21 hatcheries with a production capacity of about 84 million chicks per annum and 23 parent stock farms with a capacity of 35 million hatching eggs per annum. There are no grandparents stock farms in Jordan but a new project is being implemented and planned to start in 1985 with a production capacity of 500,000 female stock chicks per annum.

Broiler production in Jordan is concentrated in the agricultural directorates of Irbid, Mafrq, Amman and Zarqa, which account for about 60 per cent of the total broiler farm capacity. The average farm has a capacity of 8,200 birds per hatch.

"Seasonal surpluses are among the many factors that negatively affect prices, while costs of production are continuously increasing," Dr. Abdul Ghami Al Nahar, advisor to the Animal Production and Health Department at the Ministry of Agriculture, told the Jordan Times.

In Jordan there is no defined policy of how to meet the domestic demands for broilers and eggs and during the last years farmers have been able to seasonally obtain the maximum prices for chicken and eggs due to seasonal surplus problems and market fluctuations.

High costs

Since Jordanian production

costs are higher than the world market prices, producers in Jordan face very keen competition on the world market, especially since countries which import Jordanian poultry are becoming price conscious. Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries are the major importers of Jordan's poultry.

"For any poultry producer to get a licence, the applicant must provide a site map authorised by the lands authority, an owner certificate, a city plan map from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and finally approval from the directorate of agriculture," Dr. Al Nahar said. "This is an annual procedure, and if the applicant has already established a farm and does not get approval, the farm must be removed without any compensation," he added.

In spite of the strict licence regulations enforced by the department, it appears from the many surveys conducted by the ministry that about half of the broiler farms and more than ¼ of the layer farms in Jordan are unlicensed. "A large number of farms were established before the introduction of the regulations. Also, the fast growth of municipalities and villages were another reason behind the unlicensed farms since they included farms that were formerly outside municipality borders," Dr. Al Nahar explained.

"Non licensing is fairly high in Amman and Zarqa where locations inside municipality borders and non fulfillment of the technical requirements and locations were also main reasons for non licensing," he added.

The Animal Production and Health Department is not only using the licensing procedure to control and direct the domestic poultry production but, moreover, to locate production where it does not cause any inconvenience to the municipality's inhabitants and where it does not occupy land which can be put to more valuable use elsewhere. From an environmental point of view, the ministry is also trying to provide environmental protection and to prevent cruelty to animals and the spreading of diseases.

Veterinary medicine is an essential part of the poultry industry, where antibiotics and vaccines are needed to prevent the diseases like Newcastle, Gumboro, Marek's epidemic tremor, IB and ILT.

The Ministry of Supply fixes the maximum broiler prices. Farm gate price is 540 fils/kg of live weight, wholesale price is 700 fils/kg of dressed weight and consumer price is 740 fils/kg of dressed weight. The Ministry of Supply also is controlling the feed mills in Jordan and it is planning for a new feed mill with a capacity of minimum 30 tonnes per hour or about 60,000 tonnes per annum in one shift operation. The new feed mill is expected to be in operation in the year 1986.

At present there are five licensed feed mills in Jordan with a production capacity of 100,000 tonnes per annum. The feed ingredients required for poultry are corn, soya bean meal and concentrate. According to surveys

conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, the conditions at commercial feed mills are not very satisfactory since the standard of hygiene is very low and the risk of spreading avian salmonellosis through the feed is quite high.

Slaughter houses

The problems facing the poultry industry in Jordan are not only restricted to marketing and production but extend to include feed mills and, most important of all, slaughter houses. There are two industrial chicken slaughter houses in Jordan, one in Amman and one in Irbid. The Amman Municipality owns the Amman slaughter house and it operates with a nominal capacity of 3,500 birds per hour.

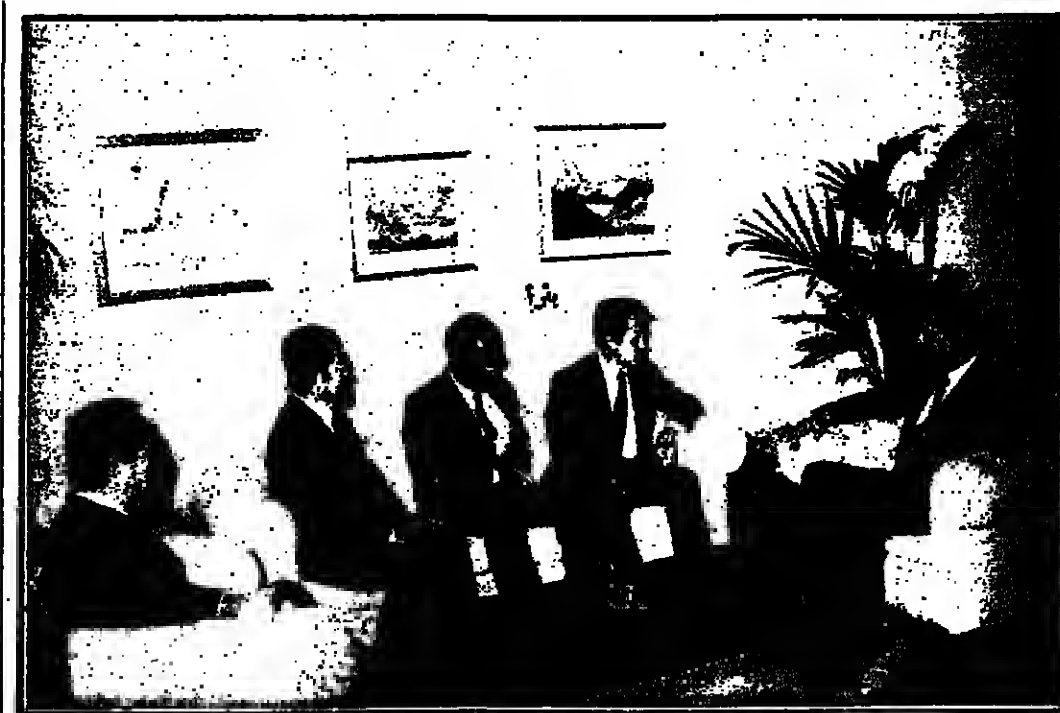
"Nowadays this slaughter house works only with a capacity of 2,000 birds per hour due to the old equipment and the lack of maintenance of these equipment," Dr. Al Nahar said. No other slaughter house for birds is allowed in Amman and in villages and small towns, birds are stored alive and slaughtered on a small scale in the retail shops, if they are not slaughtered by the family. The Amman slaughter house does not serve the processing, marketing, production and processing logistics, since the processing operations are insufficient and the hygiene standard is so low. Research conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture on personnel working at the slaughter house found that staff are not conscious of hygiene requirements, the chilling rooms are not functioning properly, the premises are not kept clean and there is no supervision on the maintenance of the plant.

"Amman Municipality and the Ministry of Agriculture are embarking on planning for a new chicken slaughter house with a capacity of 8,000 birds per hour," Dr. Al Nahar said. Also a new chicken slaughter house with a capacity of 8,000 birds per hour is already being planned and designed in Dubeil by the Ministry of Supply, he added.

The Ministry of Supply has 9,000 tons of cold storage capacity, 7,500 tons in Amman and 1,500 tons in Aqaba and is responsible for the imports of frozen birds — presently around 5,000 tons per annum.

Despite all the problems facing the poultry industry locally, more and more people in Jordan are getting into this business and the amount of money invested in it is JD 120 million, which hopefully will contribute to making this business a more specialised one operating according to modern techniques and technology that this industry is lacking.

Other than chickens there are around 63,000 rabbits, 145,000 pigeons, 2,800 geese, 3,000 ducks, 7,000 turkeys and 280,000 roasters being raised and bred in different farms in Jordan.



Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat Thursday meets with South Korean Minister of Sports Yong-Ho Lee (second right) and Minister of Youth Hani Al Khasawneh (centre) for talks on bilateral cooperation in youth and sports activities (Petra photo)

S. Korean sports minister concludes official talks on bilateral cooperation

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Thursday received the South Korean Sports Minister Yong-Ho Lee and discussed bilateral sports and youth cooperation and means of bolstering friendship between the two countries.

Minister of Youth Hani Khasawneh, Jordan Youth Organisation (JYO) Director General Mohammad Abu Al Tayyeb and Korean Ambassador in Amman Jai-Song Kim attended the meeting which came before a friendly football match between the two countries' national soccer teams which resulted in a one-all draw.

Dr. Lee later met with Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat at the Prime Ministry and reviewed the existing bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them in all fields as well as means of supporting joint youth and sports activities. Attending the meeting were Minister of Youth Hani Al Khasawneh, the Korean ambassador in Amman and the embassy's counsellor Young Min Kwan.

Dr. Khasawneh and Dr. Lee Thursday agreed to resume discussions started during Dr. Lee's official visit to Jordan. Ministry of Youth officials and the Korean embassy will carry on the talks for the benefit of the two countries and to draw up the outlines of a bilateral cooperation for the forthcoming years.

During their meetings, Dr. Khasawneh and Dr. Lee together with Jordanian and Korean sports officials, reviewed bilateral sports relations and emphasised the necessity of developing and bolstering them for the benefit of youth in the two countries. Dr. Lee left for Baghdad Friday.

The Jordanian side to the meetings comprised Mr. Tayyeb, Hussein Sports City Director Issam Arela and senior sports officials. The international sports department director general, the Far East relations director at the Jordan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Korean Ambassador to Jordan represented the Korean side.

Jordan-Turkey sign manpower memorandum

Hassan, Turkish minister review labour cooperation

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent conferred at the Royal Court Thursday with Turkish Minister of Labour and Social Security Mustafa Kalemli on Jordanian-Turkish relations in general and cooperation in the economic and labour fields in particular.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Labour and Social Development Tayseer Abdul Jabbar and Turkey's Ambassador to Jordan Resat Arim. The meeting at the Royal Court followed the signing of a memorandum that pledges closer cooperation between the two countries in labour-related affairs.

The memorandum, which was signed by Dr. Abdul Jabbar and Dr. Kalemli expressed satisfaction at the progress of bilateral cooperation and promised further coordination and consultation in all matters connected with labour affairs. It also agreed to refer labour issues in a special joint committee to resolve any problems, according to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra.

Both sides agreed in the memorandum to give priority in employment to nationals of either country, especially in jobs requiring special skills, and agreed in principle to carry out joint ventures that would group businessmen from both Jordan and Turkey in a bid to further bolster bilateral economic ties, Petra said.

According to Dr. Abdul Jabbar, 2,500 Turkish workers are currently employed in Jordan and their skill has been of good value to private and public sector projects.

The Turkish minister earlier met with Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat with whom he reviewed Jordanian-Turkish economic ties.

Mr. Kalemli, who left for home Thursday at the end of a three-day visit, said in a pre-departure statement that he was delighted with the outcome of the visit which enabled him and his delegation to discuss important issues with Jordanian officials and to explore further areas for economic and trade cooperation. Petra said that Dr. Kalemli extended an invitation to Dr. Abdul Jabbar to visit Turkey and the date of the visit will be fixed later.

In an interview with Reuters, Dr. Kalemli said that the two countries have agreed in set up a committee to promote a 1982 bilateral labour agreement. This agreement, he said, provides for the supply of Turkish manpower to Turkish, Jordanian and foreign contractors operating in Jordan.

Dr. Kalemli said that there are 2,500 Turkish labourers in Jordan, mainly employed in the construction business, but another 2,000 unregistered Turks are employed as tailors, car mechanics and shopkeepers in the country. Turkey is reported to have nearly 100,000 labourers in Saudi Arabia, 40,000 in Libya and 9,000 in Iraq.

Foundation awards prizes to Jordanian researchers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Abdul Hamid Shouman Foundation has decided to raise to seven the number of prizes it offers to distinguished young Arab scientists, to support and activate Arab scientific research and to achieve its objectives in developing Arab scientific cadres through offering incentives.

The foundation has also decided to offer the late Abdul Hamid Shouman's prizes for the year 1984 to a number of young Arab scientists who excelled in the fields of pure sciences, humanitarian sciences, agricultural, biological, medical, clinical and engineering sciences.

In the field of pure sciences Dr. Jassem Al Rawi from Moussel University in Iraq has won the prize, while the humanitarian sciences prize was equally shared by Dr. Abdul Sattar Tawfiq Qasem from Al Najah University in the occupied West Bank, Dr. Tareq Nafie Al Hamdani from Baghdad University and Dr. Ghazi Ismail Rababa'a from the University of Jordan.

Dr. Ijlal Mohammad As'ad from Alexandria University and Dr. Abdullah Mohammad Al Moussa from the University of Jordan equally shared the prize for agricultural sciences, while the biology prize was equally shared by Dr. Abdul Wahab Ismail Issa from Munofeyyah University in Egypt and Dr. Usama Al Hussein from Cairo University.

The clinical sciences prize, which is established for the first time, has been equally shared by Dr. Ahmad Mohammad Mansour from the American University, Dr. Mustafa Khayyat from the Algerian University and Dr. Najwa Khouri Baulus from the University of Jordan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hassan to open population conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — A conference on demographic policies and development in the Arab World will be opened here at the Amra Hotel on March 17 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Delegates from various Arab countries as well as Arab, regional and international organisations concerned with population will take part in the conference. Minister of Labour and Social Development Tayseer Abdul Jabbar said that the conference will last for three days.

Badran reviews trade with Bulgaria

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian-Bulgarian trade cooperation and ways of implementing trade agreement signed between the two countries were discussed in a meeting Thursday between Ministry of Industry and Trade Under Secretary Ibrahim Badran, the director general of the Bulgarian foreign ministry and the commercial attaché at the Bulgarian embassy in Amman. It was agreed to hold a meeting between the two sides to review the stages achieved so far from the terms of the agreement. The Bulgarian side expressed their willingness to hold an exhibition of Bulgarian chemical industries in Amman during next October.

Jordanian citizen dies in Riyadh

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen identified as Husein Mohammad Suleiman Al Natour has died in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a cable from the Jordanian embassy in Saudi Arabia has said. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the family of the late Natour to call at the ministry's consular division for issues pertaining to his death.

APC moves headquarters

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Potash Company Thursday completed moving its headquarters and offices to the site of its factory at Ghor Al Safi. All administrative staff will have to report to the new offices as of Saturday. The company's board of directors has taken the decision to move last month following government directives that require all large companies to move their headquarters in work sites to ensure management control and to improve productivity.

Municipality officials to visit U.S.

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Municipality has decided to delegate two of its senior officials on a working mission to Washington as of the beginning of March. The delegation's mission includes choosing U.S. experts to work at the transport and services development project in the Amman area.



Improved facilities and encouragement for the poultry sector in Jordan could ensure a continuous supply of chickens for the local market (J.T. file photo)

Mexican Week

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JTV Channel 6 review

Warming stuff from Channel 6

By John Boteler

MINDFUL OF his duties to his public, your intrepid columnist, armed with a fistful of loose change, battles his way through the drifts to phone in his column from a booth somewhere in the marooned hilly areas.

Thank God for the Thursday feature film. After an excellent run which included such gems as "The Sunshine Boys", "Separate Tables", and "In The Heat Of The Night", it vanished briefly (in terms of quality) from our screens, only to return two nights ago with a bang. "The Apartment" surely warmed all our hearts. Shirley Maclaine and Jack Lemmon were excellent foils to each other, while in Lemmon's performance especially we witnessed that sure control of comedy and pathos of which he is such a master. And next Thursday there is a veritable tour-de-force lined up. Cancel all appointments, take the phone off the hook and batten down the hatches: Mel Brooks is coming to town. If you enjoy Alfred Hitchcock's films, (and still bemoan the loss of the documentary a few weeks ago), or if you are a fan of the musical Mel, or if you just enjoy a good laugh, then you simply must not miss "High Anxiety" (Thursday, 10:15). Brooks' love for Hitchcock shows through every frame of this hilarious spoof-cum-tribute. His parody of the master's camera style, pacing and use of music are all evident, and he draws heavily on the whole range of Hitchcock's work. The title and the basic plot—a doctor trying to understand and deal with his basic neurosis—draw interestingly enough, on "Vertigo", a film which has only very recently returned to public view, after Hitchcock himself put it into cold storage for some thirty years. But you should have no trouble recognising the other references. In his quest for mental calm, the doctor (Brooks) tangles with a sinister Nazi/Communist gang, is attacked by vindictive birds, gets mistaken for a murderer, and also suffers a truly psychotic attack in his shower! (Which scene is a faithful frame-by-frame recreation of the original—with, of course,

an outrageous twist). Other stars are Madeline Kahn and, unless my memory deceives me, Anne Bancroft, with whom Brooks dances a frenzied tango. He also composed and, in one of the highlights of the film sings, the title song. One final bonus—unlike "real" Hitchcock films, you won't have to search desperately for that one glimpse of the director. He's only too evident! Let us hope that the Thursday feature film continues in its present state of good health for a long time to come!

"Hair Presumptions" tonight's episode of "Tales of the Unexpected", at 8:30, stars ex-teenage-heart-throb David Cassidy. When wealthy rancher George Devon is found stabbed to death, his identical twin nephews Donald and David (Cassidy) become prime murder suspects. One twin was seen leaving his uncle's house just before the body was discovered, and both stand to inherit his fortune. But the big problem is that no-one can tell the twins apart, and both of them seem to have foolproof alibis. The feature film at 10:15 is "Emperor of the North Pole" and stars the heavy mob—Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine, with Keith Carradine. Most of the action takes place on a freight-train in the Americas of the 1930's. Marvin stars as "A Number One", King of the hobos, whose ultimate act of self-assertion will be to ride the train of the murderous "Shack", a railroad cop. A brutal, vital film, because of the way Director Robert Aldrich resolutely undercuts all the myths with which men rationalise their fight for naked survival. And there will probably be lots of snow!

Tomorrow (Sunday) has "Don't Wait Up" at 8:30, where Tom has gone to live with his Mum, and at 10:15, episode three of "Scarcey" and Mrs. King, entitled "If Thoughts Could Kill". The budding romantic pursues a brain-controlled killer who is the clones of a successful doctor. And in between these two slices of lighthearted banter and affectionate incoherence, there is the old lead, hammer, "Crime

Inc." at 9:10. This week's episode is "Labour Racketeering — The Unions". Major trade unions in America have come, at one time or another, under the iron fist of organised crime.

Dockers' Unions, Construction Unions — and the biggest union of them all — The Teamsters (truckdrivers). The mob manipulates union pension funds whilst simultaneously extracting pay-offs from employers. In this way, control of entire industries can be gained, as was illustrated last week. Excluded from direct gambling control by stringent state precautions in New Jersey, the mob simply bypassed them and got control through the unions. Last week's episode was illustrative of two things. One, the American respect for money I talked about some weeks ago. Moe Daelitz — highly respected, Las Vegas man-of-the-year. Bob Hope's "dearest friend", praised by all the sundry, and all because he pays his taxes. And two: the petty, vicious, vindictive childish nature of these people. Did you hear Jimmy "The Weasel" Fratiano sound off about how Frank Sinatra had led to the gaming control board? Whether he lied or not is not for me to say, but since when was "The Weasel" so pure and decent? The self-righteous indignation of the murderous little worm was only surpassed by sheer shock-effect by chortling Jim Donohue. Now Jim is one of the good guys, but he sure had a weird sense of humour. "Now this guy — ho ho ho — he was found in the boot of a car, while these two — ha ha, ha ha, fell out of a window — hee hee hee —" Thank you Jim, that will be all.

Moody has the second episode of "Duty Free" at 8:30. In "El Mako", the frolicsome foursome decide to take a trip to the bullfight. David is fascinated by the skill, artistry and pageantry. Unfortunately the fight doesn't meet up to his expectations and Amy decides to step into the ring on her own account. This week's episode of "The Yellow Rose" (10:15) is "Beyond Vengeance". A neighbouring rancher's sons have been stealing oil off the Rose and when Oillard catches them they shoot him. While

Dillard fights for his life, Chance and Ray go in search of his assassins.

Bracketed between these two programmes is one of the best drama series seen on Channel Six for a long time. "Sorrell and Son" (9:10) is more than just the story of a father's love for his son and the sacrifices he makes for him. It is also about the changing face of English society after the World War I. When the book was published in 1925, it was part of a general revulsion at the waste and folly of that war, and disgust at the society that helped create it. This revulsion and anger over the millions who died and the other millions who returned to face mass unemployment was to be seen in such disparate areas as the poetry of T.S. Eliot, the General Strike, and the Cambridge University undergraduate strikes such as Philby, Burgess and MacLean, who embraced the new political ideology of Communism. While the old order persisted in its snobbery and oppression, refusing to recognise that society had changed, the "nouveau riches", glorying in their sudden wealth and power, scorned all that was "established" — be it good or bad. "Sorrell and Son" reflects all this. Captain Sorrell represents both the fallen glory of the Edwardian era and the masses who gave their all for their country and were left with nothing to show for it. He is opposed by the vulgar brashness of the new order — Buck — who delights in oppressing him, and his estranged wife, who refuses to see the world as it now is and indulges in the hedonistic lifestyle which was one of the faces of the twentieth century. But there is goodness in this world, as epitomised by the honesty and virtue of Roland, while Sorrell's hopes for Kit represent the hopes of the age that something good and lasting can be constructed out of the wreckage of what went before. This week Sorrell is confronted by the snobbishness of the times when St. Benedict's school discovers his "Shameful" secret and asks him to remove Kit from the school. Undaunted, he engages a private tutor — the local vicar, Mr. Porteous, a truly comical and



Waiting for the End-Tenko, Tuesday, 9:10

eccentric performance. While Kit sits his Cambridge exams, Roland has some momentous news for Sorrell. But there is a fly in the ointment, in the shape of Sorrell's wife. Apart from the excellent acting, one of the best things about this series is its sense of period, often indicated by the subtle medium of sound. The tread of sturdy boots on wooden floors, the tinkle of bone-china tea-cups, and the gentle sounds of a lawn tennis game.

Tuesday's entertainment includes "Trantra Centre" (Channel 3, 6:10) where disasters multiply by the week. This time a schoolbus crashes — loads of tears and angst — while back on Channel 6 there's "Star of the Family" at 8:30. Buddy is upset when he realises that he is ill-equipped to advise Jennie, who is having boyfriend problems (yawn). At 9:10 it's time to bid farewell to the Bullin's of the Far East — "Tenko". While Miss Hassan looks increasingly unwell and more unbalanced, the big question is: will the allies arrive before all the plucky inmates die? After Rose (who left the series looking like the sort of thing nightmares are made of) the person I feel most sorry for is Beatrice, whose professional and moral standards have taken such a beating in recent weeks. I'm certain she had a hand in Rose's merciful release. At 10:20 "Hardcastle and McCormack" bring terror to the ordinary motorist in "The Prince of Fat City".

Wednesday, and first up is "Moonfleet" (Channel 3, 6:10). John is now living at the

"Why Not Inn" and involved, along with Elzevir, Ratsy and the others, in smuggling. One night, when they are running a cargo, things go badly wrong.

In "Up the Elephant and around the Castle" (Channel 6, 8:30), Jim gets talked into being best-man to Arnold who materialises from his past. Apparently guests of all shapes and unfortunate sizes begin to appear and some of them even take up strange positions on the sitting room carpet. On the evidence of the first episode, this series is not going to prove one of the week's highlights.

No self-respecting Cockney would be caught dead speaking like that. But then it is bound to suffer when it is immediately followed by "Hollywood — The Gift of Laughter", this week at 9:10 in the third and last instalment. The endless stream of old stars and great sketches is only slightly marred by the way the programme keeps on re-introducing the same comics: better organisation would prevent this. A round of applause for Bert Reynolds who, introducing those actors who alternate between "straight" and "comic" roles, resisted the temptation to jump up and down shouting: "Me! Me! Me!". His restraint was certainly better than that of Christine in "Hotel" (10:15). I was seriously worried for her last week. As the little biddy-girl lay dying in a hotel bed, Christine's facial contortions and writhing limbs made one wonder whether she was worrying over how to re-act the suite,

or whether she'd made the mistake of eating in the dining-room and had picked up some ghastly disease. In transpired, of course, that the real reason was that she was recalling a childhood friend of hers who had died in similar circumstances.

These people have the strangest friends. Christine's have all died age eight — probably terminally zapped by her million-volt smile. Peter can only produce and endless stream of seedy failures, while even Mrs. Cabot pays host each week to some ghastly haridan. This week a child who was kidnapped seven years earlier suddenly turns up as the daughter of another couple. Over to you, Christine.

Apart from "High Anxiety", Thursday night has "Three's Company" at 8:30, with "Janet's Secret". When her parents visit unexpectedly, Janet conceals her unorthodox living arrangements by claiming that Jack is her new husband (and she's supposed to be the intelligent one). "Lytton's Diary" (10:15) is entitled "Skinheads Storm Store". Lytton is vaguely curious when his ex-wife relates an incident to him about the group of skinheads who threaten her local Pakistani grocer with violence; until, apparently, a man named Maxim walks into the shop and orders them to leave, apologising for the damage. Seems like an everyday incident — until Lytton learns that the skinheads involved are staying at the country-house home of a man named Hal Rimmer and, supposedly, they are on some

form of training programme. Lytton then discovers that he must tread carefully — for Hal Rimmer's father is an influential business man who has several business dealings with Wayne Monroe, the Daily News' owner and Lytton's boss. But at a party in Rimmer's home, Lytton uncovers a secret room where he spots a printing press and a brochure with distinct right-wing tendencies. As the evidence piles up, Lytton knows that he is on the trail of excellent scandal — prime fodder for his eager readership.

Friday has "Open All Hours" at 8:30. Granville is in a philosophical and amorous frame of mind. But the rickety old shop bike cramps his style as the local Romeo — particularly when it develops a nasty squeak. Arkwright tries to repair the bike and sustains some unpleasant injuries in the process. "Death Casts" is this week's episode of "Murder She Wrote" (9:10), while at 10:15 there's a dramatic documentary: "The Last Days". It's a reconstruction of one of the world's air disasters (talk about topical!) when a hundred and seventy-five people were killed over Zagreb in 1976 in a collision between two aeroplanes, and the subsequent trial of the Yugoslav air traffic controllers.

Well, that's it for this week. Not only am I running out of change, but my snow-bound telephone booth is being surrounded by a crowd who are both blue with cold and red with anger!

Arab Americans voice political project

AT A recent press conference at Washington's Hilton Hotel, Or. James Zogby and other Arab-American community leaders announced plans for an Arab-American Political Project aimed towards institutionalising the role of Arab-Americans in the American political system.

Dr. Zogby, a former vice-chairman of the Jesse Jackson for President campaign, will join in the project with Mr. George Salem, a Washington attorney who served in President Reagan's reelection campaign as executive director of Ethnic Voters for Reagan-Bush, and Mr. Jean Abinader, managing director of Transnational Associates.

The Arab-American Political Project will seek to increase Arab-American voter registration, build Arab-American committees in both the Republican and Democratic parties, and promote more Arab-Americans running for public office.

The Arab-American political project

In the past four years, Arab-Americans have registered major new inroads in American political life. During this period, Arab-Americans have greatly enhanced their grassroots political presence, while their national organizations have acquired greater prestige and visibility. Simultaneously, Arab-Americans have intensified their

involvement in the electoral arena. In 1984, for the first time, they played a role in U.S. presidential politics.

In the presidential campaign of Jesse Jackson, Americans of Arab descent raised one-third of a million dollars and participated in all levels of the campaign, from the post of a campaign vice-chairman to local campaign volunteers. Ten Arab-Americans served either as elected delegates or as senior campaign staff at the Democratic National Convention.

On the Republican side, Arab-Americans also played an important role. A Palestinian-American served as executive director of Ethnic Voters for Reagan-Bush, while an official "Arab-Americans for Reagan-Bush Committee" brought dozens of prominent Arab-Americans into leadership roles in the Republican election effort. In response to this, the Democratic Party appointed three leading Arab-American elected officials as vice-chairs of the Moodale-Ferraro campaign.

We feel that now is the time to build upon these efforts and to plan, in a concerted way, to expand Arab-American involvement in the 1986 and 1988 elections.

Areas that require immediate work for 1986 include a concentrated effort to increase the number of Arab-American candidates for public office, together with efforts to institutionalise Arab-American involvement in

the Democratic and Republican parties by increasing the number of Arab-American national party committee people and delegates to the 1988 conventions.

We intend to begin a project now to accomplish these goals by instituting the Arab-American Political Project. We will not seek to establish a new organization; rather, we will establish an active and ongoing network among Arab-Americans who share a single goal to increase Arab-American electoral political activity.

We have set for ourselves a number of goals for 1986:

- 1) Form Arab-American leadership councils in each state to select candidates to run for public office in 1986. These councils will provide important forms of support for the candidates selected;
- 2) develop a campaign to raise sufficient funds for these candidates;
- 3) organize on a state-by-state basis to train Arab-Americans in the electoral process;
- 4) launch voter registration drives in targeted areas of high Arab-American concentration; and;
- 5) institutionalise Arab-

American gains in the Republican and Democratic parties by organizing our community into Heritage Councils in the Republican Party, Ethnic Committees in the Democratic Party, and insuring a strong Arab-American component in the National Rainbow Coalition.

The key organizers of the Arab-American Political Project are the leadership team that helped organize the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), together with other prominent individuals with experience in organizing Arab-American political involvement.

The participants in the project include: Dr. James Zogby, former executive director of ADC and vice-chairman of the Jesse Jackson for President National Campaign Committee; George Salem, Washington attorney and executive director of Ethnic Voters for Reagan-Bush '84; Heleco Samhan, former assistant director of ADC; Jean Abinader, managing director of Transnational Associates; John Zogby, former national field representative of ADC; Robin Madrid, former director of ADC's Political Action Project.

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Greek composer lashes at cultural policies

By Kerin Hope
Associated Press

PIRAEUS, Greece — Composer Mikis Theodorakis, saying Greece has become "a cultural desert" under Socialist rule, on Tuesday accused Premier Andreas Papandreu of intervening personally to ban a television screening of his most recent concert.

"Andreas (Papandreu) personally ordered the ban. It was his mistake, he takes the responsibility and his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) will pay for it," the 60-year-old composer of the "Zorba the Greek" theme said Tuesday evening in the sport City of Athens.

Theodorakis, a lifelong Communist, was addressing an audience of about 200 attending a public discussion of his controversial new song cycles, "Dionysos" and "Phaedra," at a lecture-room above a radical bookstore.

The tall heavily-built composer, dressed in a windbreaker and che-

eked shirt, chain-smoked and eyebored angrily as he explained his disappointment with the Socialist rule in Greece.

On Monday night, ERT-2, one of Greece's two state-run television channels replaced the showing of the two new Theodorakis works with a Greek movie.

"Nobody told me officially that my work was being censored. I sat in front of the television waiting for my show, and it didn't come on," he said.

The Socialist government pledged to abolish censorship in Greece in 1981 but a planned new law guaranteeing freedom for the arts has not been passed in parliament.

ERT-2's director, George Tsoupoloulos, denied the screening had been canceled and said that the Theodorakis concert would be broadcast "later" but did not specify a date.

Theodorakis, who is also a member of parliament for the Greek Communist Party (KKE), expressed deprecation of "the cultural desert that exists in Gre-

ece today."

"My works contain satirical material directed against Socialist personalities and government policies," he said.

He compared the Socialist government with military dictators who ruled Greece between 1967 and 1974.

The junta had the political courage to ban my work outright. But the Socialists are as slippery as seals, you can't get to grips with them," he said.

Theodorakis became a national hero for Greeks of all political persuasions after he was jailed and later exiled by the ruling colonels.

But he said the Papandreu government has ignored his recent works and he is driven to stage his longer choral and symphonic compositions in other European countries.

"That's why I speak of leaving Greece," he said, referring to a threat to go into exile again, which he voiced in an interview earlier this month with a Belgian television station.

He said he doubted whether his seventh symphony, due to be performed in the Greek capital this summer by the Athens State Orchestra with a guest conductor from the Soviet Union, will now take place.

"Anybody listening to the radio now would think I'd only written five or six songs, twenty years ago, because that's all that PASOK allows them to play," he said.


Broadcasting in Greece is tightly controlled by the government.

In an angry outburst, Theodorakis accused the Socialists of attempting to extinguish a quintessential Greek quality: "the spirit of Romiosyne."

"The 'Dionysos' songs were about 'Romiosyne', and banning the cycle gives the Socialists away. They want to imprison that spirit," he said.

To Greeks, "Romiosyne" is a blend of cunning individualism, self-mockery and courage in adversity that kept their sense of national identity alive during centuries of Ottoman Turkish rule.

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McEnroe fined after beating Fibak in Houston tournament

HOUSTON (R) — Top-seeded John McEnroe was fined \$2,500 Thursday for swearing at Poland's Wojtek Fibak while rallying to gain the second round of the \$375,000 WCT Houston shoot-out tennis tournament.

In an explosive match that was marked by a number of angry exchanges and did not end until 1 a.m. local (0700 GMT), McEnroe prevailed 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5.

The fine was levied by Grand Prix supervisor Keith Johnson because of an obscenity McEnroe uttered at Fibak following the first game of the final set when the players became involved in a sharp verbal exchange during the changeover.

The shouting continued throughout the set. Several times Fibak asked tournament referee Zeno Pfau to ask McEnroe to stop talking to him or to have him defaulted.

Earlier in the match McEnroe complained several times about what he contended were stalling tactics by Fibak, particularly when the Polish veteran was serving.

"The only reason he got upset as because he was losing," Fibak said after the two-hour-and-20-minute match at the Sam Houston coliseum.

"That's when he started calling me names, and I asked the referee to tell him to stop talking to me."

McEnroe rallied from a 2-4 deficit in the final set.

Fibak refused to say what McEnroe had called him, but court-side observers said they heard McEnroe scream "F... commie" at Fibak on one occasion.

At one point in the third set, McEnroe screamed at Fibak, accusing him of starting to serve while a ballboy was out of position.

"Fibak is the biggest con artist in the game today," McEnroe said later. "He was trying to do anything to get the officials to default me from the match. He was acting like a two-year-old."

McEnroe said he would appeal the fine, the second highest ever assessed against him, exceeded only by a \$3,000 fine following an outburst in Stockholm last October.

After falling behind in the final set, McEnroe recovered to win five of the last six games for the match.

At 5-5 McEnroe broke Fibak after the Pole was penalised a point for delay of game to trail, love-15. McEnroe then held service, closing out the match with consecutive aces.

The players then left the court without the customary handshake at the net.

In the day's only upset, fourth-seeded Jimmy Arias of the U.S. was defeated by countryman Mark Dickson 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), in a second-round match.

Handicapped sports delegation leaves for Kuwait competition

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordan Handicapped Sports Federation delegation left for Kuwait Thursday to take part in the first Arab championship starting Sunday. Talking part in the championship, held for the first time at Arab countries level and on the occasion of the International Year of Youth, are Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, Algeria, United Arab Emirates and Oman. An Arab seminar on handicapped sport will be organised at the same time as the competition. The Jordanian delegation is led by Munther Al Bedidi.

Bubka aiming for record in Athens athletics

ATHENS (R) — Victory and gold medal from the European Indoor Athletics Championships here this weekend will not satisfy Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Bubka.

The world champion and record holder has set his sights on breaking the world indoor mark of 5.85 metres Frenchman Thierry Vigneron established on his way to triumph in last year's championships in Gothenburg, Sweden.

And Bubka, 21, has made it more than clear that nothing else will do.

"My encounters with Vigneron always end up in fierce duels," he said. "I believe I'm the better vaulter — he doesn't. I came here to take his world indoor record."

Bubka is firm favourite to triumph ahead of Vigneron on Sunday. He has recorded the best vault of the indoor season at 5.75 metres and beat his French rival at the World Indoor Games in Paris in January.

But a struggle of titanic proportions usually surfaces whenever the two clash, and the latest encounter is unlikely to be any different.

Unlike Vigneron, who is the

backbone of a modest French squad in the absence of Olympic pole vaulter, champion Pierre Quinon, Bubka is part of a powerful Soviet team destined to leave Greece with a stack of medals after the two-day meeting.

Sprinter Sergei Evgeniev begins his quest for a third successive 200 metres title when the meeting opens Saturday while long jumper Galina Chistyakova, who broke the world indoor mark last month with a leap of 7.25 metres, vies with Olympic silver medalist Vali Ionescu of Romania.

But the Soviets' main rivals for top spot in the medals table will undoubtedly come from the East Germans.

Their small but star-studded team includes sprinters Marita Koch, holder of world indoor bests over 60 and 200 metres, 100 metres world champion Marlies Goehr and Ulf Timmerman, who snatched the men's shot world indoor best last month.

All three missed last year's championships but should sweep to victory in their respective events with ease. Koch has opted for the 200 leaving Goehr to contest her favourite 60 metres.

Kasparov says new rules needed before end of May

MOSCOW (R) — World chess challenger Garry Kasparov said Friday that rules for his new contest against champion Anatoly Karpov should be decided no later than May.

Kasparov, who is due to resume his challenge against Karpov on September 1, told the Soviet news agency TASS that a congress planned for August was too late for the International Chess Federation (FIDE) to set rules for his new title bid.

Chess experts predict heated argument over new rules, which may change the present system whereby the first to win six out of an unlimited series of games takes the title. Draws do not count and each player has a set number of rest days.

FIDE President Florencio Campomanes last month halted the marathon Karpov-Kasparov duel, then in its sixth month, after 48 games, saying that all concerned were too exhausted to continue and should start again from 0-0 in September.

Kasparov, who had just won his first three games, bringing the score to 5-3 in Karpov's favour, objected angrily to the decision, claiming he was fit and able to con-

tinue and a pause benefited the champion whose endurance seemed to be failing.

Karpov insisted he too was ready to play on.

Aides in Kasparov's camp said they considered stamina to be part of championship material in chess, and the challenger told reporters he wanted the new rules to scrap rest days.

One of the problems in the Karpov-Kasparov duel was that both players, easily rated the best in the world, were so equally matched that they managed to draw 40 times, bringing accusations from fans that they were playing "anti-chess".

Analysing the marathon match, Kasparov told TASS he divided it into three stages:

"The first was characterised by my nervousness and a high number of mistakes. The world champion found his game earlier and his much greater experience told," he said.

"The second stage was the long series of draws. Here the art of defence reigned... the last third of the match was marked with the most interesting games from the point of view of play."

Kasparov told TASS he intended returning to his home in Baku, in the Soviet Union's southern Caspian Republic of Azerbaijan, until later this month when he would go to Irkutsk in Siberia to supervise a youth chess championship.

He said he hoped to be back in training for the title match by May with participation in a major international tournament or in a preparatory match with a high-ranking grandmaster.

Sukova: latest threat to Navratilova's supremacy

By Tom Carter
Reuter

OAKLAND, California — It is ironic that Czechoslovakia's enviable coaching system, which helped put Martina Navratilova at the top of women's tennis, may ultimately be responsible for her downfall.

For the greatest challenge to Navratilova's current supremacy is likely to come, not from her adopted homeland in the U.S., but from the country of her birth.

Hana Mandlikova, 23, has long been regarded as her likeliest successor, but now a new Czechoslovak threat has emerged in the towering shape of Helena Sukova.

Navratilova lost just two matches in 1984 — to Mandlikova last February and to the 1.88-metre tall Sukova 10 months later.

Although the two Czechoslovak and Navratilova could not be described as close friends, those defeats were not due to any bad feelings or resentment over Navratilova's defection in 1975.

"It was coincidence," Sukova explained with a shrug.

Sukova, 20, has scored to number five in the world rankings, two places above Mandlikova, and her powerful serve-volley game is suited to most surfaces.

Previously thought to be too inexperienced, Sukova came of age in the semifinals of the Australian Open last December when she ended Navratilova's record run of 24 successive wins.

Sukova then went down to Chris Evert Lloyd in the final, but the world's number two was generous in her praise.

"I see a lot of improvement in her," said Lloyd. "She is moving better and has all the weapons — a big volley, a great forehand — and she can play on all surfaces. She is still inconsistent, but she could win Wimbledon."

Sukova comes from a tennis family. Her mother, Vera, was a Wimbledon singles finalist in 1963 and later took charge of the women's tennis programme in Czechoslovakia. She coached Navratilova and took her on her first world tour at the age of 17.

Vera Sukova also coached Mandlikova, and was working with her at Prague's Sparta Club when she fell ill and died of cancer in May 1982.

Sukova's father, Cyril Suk, is president of the Czechoslovak Tennis Federation and her brother, Cyril Junior, is the country's leading junior player.

A year after her mother's death, Sukova broke into the world's top 20, teamed up with Mandlikova to win the Federation Cup, and retained the trophy in 1984.

Despite her improvements and high ranking, Sukova's Nemesis is still Mandlikova, ranked seventh as a result of a two-month layoff and a slow start in 1985.

The gifted but emotional Mandlikova, the French Open Champion in 1981, has beaten Sukova seven times in four years. The last

showdown was a convincing victory in the Oakland semifinals on Sukova's 20th birthday last Friday.

"I've never even won a set from her," Sukova said. "It's just mental, though. I've never felt under her shadow."

Sukova, who loves to get away from it all and drive fast cars through the countryside, gained a higher ranking and a newfound confidence from her Australian Open showing. Briefly, she was an international hero — except in Czechoslovakia.

At her next tournament in Japan, she was mobbed by the press. "I was giving three press conferences a day," she said.

But back home, in contrast to the headlines elsewhere, reports of her achievements in Australia were barely mentioned in the country's government-controlled newspapers.

Tennis ranks third in popularity behind ice hockey and soccer in Czechoslovakia, which has limited tennis cover ever since Ivan Lendl played in a South African tournament in 1983. He was left out of the Czechoslovak Davis Cup team as a result.

Regardless of Sukova's improvement, is there room at the top?

"She has a 10 or 20 per cent chance of beating Navratilova every time they play," said her coach, Jan Kuz. "Navratilova is 28, Helena 20. Navratilova has maybe two years left. Evert Lloyd is 30. She has maybe one year before she retires."

"Helena will be getting better for the next three or four years."

Budd looks to the future

PHOENIX (R) — A composed and soft-spoken Zola Budd said Friday she wanted to forget the controversies of her past and look to the future.

Budd, in Phoenix to run in a 10-kilometre race on Saturday, was queried at length at a press conference, attended by about 40 members of the American media.

The 18-year-old South African, who is now living in Britain, was accompanied by her American manager, former Olympic marathon gold medalist Frank Shorter.

Budd was pressed by one reporter to take a stand on apartheid, but she declined.

"I'm not a politician and I don't want to talk about politics," she said. "I don't want to think about politics. I want to run."

Budd, who ran a personal best of 31 minutes, 41 seconds for 10,000 metres in Oslo, Norway last year, is favoured to win Saturday's race.

"I think I feel a bit fitter than did before Oslo," she said. "My training has been more consistent."

Amman Little League

Basketball tournament scores - Mar. 1

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Mids	Marriott 7
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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices drifted to close lower in lacklustre trading, dealers said. The FTSE 100 index at 1530 GMT was down 10.3 at 1249.4.

ICI moved against the trend to show a net gain of 5p to 852 after an actively traded session. ICI initially firmed to 854p following completion of its acquisition of Beatrice Co. Inc. chemical interests which accompanied the placing of 18 million ordinary shares. However, continued U.S. selling after Thursday's annual results saw the price dip to 830p at one stage.

Gold shares and North Americans were mixed. Government bonds moved above their initial lows on bargain hunting to show net losses of up to 3/16 point. Bonds had dipped earlier in the session on the easier sterling and on further consideration of the proposed tax changes by the British government relating to income on fixed interest securities.

The U.K. government issued £300 million in tranches of existing index-linked stocks for trading March 4, the Bank of England said.

Among leading shares Imperial group eased 4p to 185 while Beecham at 346 and Bat industries at 333 both declined 5p.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.0707/17	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3845/60	Canadian dollars
	3.3490/3520	West German marks
	3.7880/7910	Dutch guilders
	2.8625/8775	Swiss francs
	67.20/40	Belgian francs
	10.2200/2400	French francs
	2080/2085	Italian lire
	261.00/15	Japanese yen
	9.4900/5200	Swedish crowns
	9.6200/6500	Norwegian crowns
	11.9800/12.0100	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	287.50/288.00	U.S. dollars

YOUR DAILY
Horoscope
from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning is the best time for you to put in action any plan involving favors from those in high office for later you find that you are apt to be too emotional.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Some possible family argument should be quelled early so that it will not turn into a royal battle later.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Communicate wisely in the morning. You should be courteous and kind with your partners. Be concerned with your personal safety.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handling a financial affair well in the morning helps you to understand other monetary matters without taking action as yet.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Early handle that personal matter that is important to you, but later make sure you do not lose your temper.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Early plan the future wisely and then you can get into outside affairs and make them work much to your benefit.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can easily get backing from a friend for an enterprise that means a good deal to you, if you are tactful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make sure to get outside duties handled early otherwise your personal aims will suffer later. Don't go off on a spree with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Early you have a good idea that needs to be put in operation quickly since later you have to handle problematical affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure to handle problems in the morning, and then you will have time to study into new ways to get ahead faster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure that an associate goes along with some agreement that means a great deal to you in the morning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get that work done early that is ahead of you and later avoid a partner who wants to handle matters differently from you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Early make arrangements for amusements later in the day. Buy a little present for your mate.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will early in life appeal to the influential and will have many favors bestowed on him or her. However, teach to be more self-reliant and give as fine an education as you can since there is much ability here and your progeny can become very successful. Teach to separate business from family life.

THE Daily Crossword by Mary Coo Whitton

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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5. Literary collection
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7. Dime Edith
8. Tact
9. Fastener
10. Linda or Maurice
11. Swave
12. Keels work
13. Streaked
14. Unusual
15. Ragout
16. College girls
17. Word with poly
18. Tow
19. Question word
20. Cheese
21. By oneself
22. Sentry word
23. Alert
24. "Seed" - Blue
25. Certain hate
26. Having five leaves
27. USSR neighbor
28. Kind of admiral
29. Group of eight
30. Dwindling
31. Not even
32. Comic Louis

Delors attacks U.S. policies

BRUSSELS (R) — European Commission President Jacques Delors Thursday predicted a clash between the United States and the 10-nation European Community unless Washington moderated its monetary and economic policies.

In his most outspoken remarks since taking office at the start of the year, the former French finance minister urged the European Community to draw closer together to combat what he called a "major offensive" from the U.S. "There is going to be a clash and someone, somewhere is going to get hurt," he told a meeting of the Community's economic and social committee.

Recalling comments last week by President Ronald Reagan, Mr. Delors said the U.S. position was that its current success was because it had put its own house in order and that other nations should do likewise.

"They say simply 'our system works best'. This is particularly unhelpful," he said. His comments were greeted with warm applause from members of the consultative committee, who come from industry, trade unions and the professions.

Mr. Delors said the Community wanted international trade agreements to maintain stability and help the developing world, but the U.S. threatened to leave existing international organizations unless terms were renegotiated to suit them.

"Some Americans seem to think international organizations should not play an important role in the organization of the world economy," he said.

Mr. Delors bitterly attacked the U.S. for insisting on strict credit terms through the main financial institutions for debtor nations and then concluding export credit deals with them for sales of U.S. wheat.

He asked: "Can a country behaving like this really say it is running the world's economy?"

Bonn urges U.S., Europe and Japan to lead on freer trade

Meanwhile, West Germany, Europe's strongest economy, appealed to the United States, the European Community and Japan Thursday to take the lead on further liberalizing world trade this year.

The appeal was made on the eve of a meeting of key ministers and monetary officials near Stuttgart on ways to keep trade flowing smoothly amid growing fears that the strength of the dollar could distort trade patterns and unleash protectionism.

U.S. special trade representative Mr. William Brock, French Trade Minister Edith Cresson and British Trade Minister Paul Channon are taking part in the two-day gathering, for which West German Economics Minister Martin Bagemann is the host.

The Bonn economics ministry said discussion would focus on the links between world trade, economic recovery and international debt.



Jacques Delors

In a discussion paper made available Thursday, Mr. Bagemann called on the main trading nations to agree this year to a fresh round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) on trade liberalization.

He said the United States, the European Community and Japan had to take an active lead and there was a danger that they could neglect this role.

"Self-restraint" accords, such as limits on Japanese car sales to the United States or Europe, were bad news for free trade, he said.

Mr. Bagemann said persistent current account imbalances, exchange rate risks, structural problems and high unemployment in the industrial countries, plus debt problems and social tension in the developing world, jeopardized the world economy.

Multilateral trade — the motor of recovery in the past — was particularly threatened and had been eroded gradually by bilateral deals and new trade barriers outside GATT rules.

He said it was insufficient merely to defend the status quo and said further liberalization was the way to reinforce the present recovery.

U.S. to hold mini-trade round if GATT cannot agree

On the other hand a senior U.S. official said in Geneva Thursday that the United States would hold limited trade talks if the 90 members of the world trade body GATT cannot agree to a new round of multilateral negotiations.

The U.S. and Japan have called for fresh multilateral talks to regulate new areas of international commerce including services such as banking and high technology.

The U.S. official said after a two-day meeting of the so-called Consultative Group of 18 of the GATT that prospects for the talks were encouraging.

Canada, Australia and New Zealand were said to favour the talks. The European Community also favours a new round but has urged the U.S. to ensure that developing countries participate.

But most Third World countries, fearing freer trade to services would expose their infant enterprises to Western competition and angered by what they see as growing protectionism in the industrialized world, are reluctant to embark on multilateral talks.

Bundesbank represses dollar

FRANKFURT (R) — The Bundesbank, the West German central bank, sold dollars to knock the U.S. currency off balance at the start of currency trading in Europe Friday.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar fell sharply from its day's high in Asia of 3.3840 marks to open here at 3.3370.

It slipped further to 3.32 marks at one point before edging back slightly to quotes around 3.33 marks.

The volume of activity was described as small and conditions nervous. Currency traders said the Bundesbank had sold small amounts, probably running to tens of millions of dollars rather than the hundreds of millions of dollars it used on Wednesday.

Traders said the central bank wanted to maintain its presence in the market, not to push the dollar down further but to keep it in a range possibly of between 3.30 and 3.34 marks.

Some dealers said other central banks were intervening but there was no confirmation of this.

Traders say banks will have trouble keeping dollar down

In the absence of a repeat performance of Wednesday's concerted attack on the dollar by European central banks, the dollar opened higher in New York Thursday and rose steadily, albeit on thin volume, throughout the day.

"The market simply digested Wednesday's intervention," said Mr. Leslie Pugh of Irving Trust. "Thursday's performance was not a vote of confidence in the ability of central banks to manipulate the dollar."

After a cautious start, the dollar Thursday recovered nearly 10 pence from Wednesday's lows. "It's not a question of getting the dollar down," said one dealer. "Anyone can do that. It's a matter of sustaining the lower level."

Dealers said the West German central bank was in the market briefly, but its impact was minimal. The dollar closed at 3.3630 marks, up from 3.3250/00 at the close Wednesday night.

The minimal efforts of the Bundesbank came as a surprise to most traders. "If they allow the dollar to move back up, and fail to follow through on Wednesday's actions, they will have lost all credibility," said a dealer. "They are

just paving the way for a four-mark dollar."

But dealers said that at least for the moment, any rise in the value of the dollar will be gradual.

"We may be in for a period of consolidation with trading staying around current levels, while confidence returns to the market," Mr. Pugh said.

Mr. Andrew Popper of Crocker National Bank said, "You have got to expect trading to be nervous. People are not obvious in the risk on the downside."

Mr. Popper said the Bundesbank would next come into the market when its appearance was unexpected. "The market is already short and they will prefer to come in when everyone is overextended," he said.

"Everyone was trading defensively today," he said. "And much of the trading went through brokers rather than banks dealing directly."

Dollar expected to resume climb despite intervention

Bankers and economists questioned by Reuters around the world still see dollar strength continuing for some time yet.

They say the speculative bubble that saw the dollar set record after record this year may have been burst but it is premature to talk of a change of trend.

Speculators were licking their wounds Thursday and many traders were recovering from exhaustion after the chaotic scenes when central bank sales estimated at between \$1.5 and \$2 billion wiped out five per cent of the dollar's value against the mark in less than two hours. It was an immediately timed blow after a bout of dollar weakness the previous day.

A survey of views in key financial centres showed sentiment for the dollar is still bullish, backed by a firm conviction that intervention could almost burn speculators' fingers.

"The reasons for the dollar's rise are intact," said Mr. Jim McGroarty of Discount Corporation of New York.

There were also signs that central banks themselves may have

been surprised by the sheer speed of the dollar's fall and would not want it to turn into rout that could be dangerous to world economic stability.

Referring to Wednesday's move by the central banks Mr. Christian Laine, senior analyst at Credit Lyonnais in Paris said: "This was a necessary signal to the markets."

Dealers said that only the continued absence of forceful intervention by the U.S. Federal Reserve prevented a total collapse in the dollar and they saw the refusal of the Reagan administration to push it down as a key to the currency's continued strength.

Following up a comment by President Reagan that he opposes "toying around" with the dollar, White House spokesman Mr. Larry Speakes reiterated Wednesday: "Our policy has not changed."

This puts the White House at odds with the Federal Reserve Board, whose chairman Mr. Paul Volcker struck the first blow at the dollar on Tuesday by raising the threat of intervention. The fact that Mr. Volcker and the U.S. central bank may hold a different view to the administration has simply fuelled uncertainty.

Mr. Laine said: "It's a long-term battle between the central banks on one hand, the White House on the other and the markets in the middle."

With dollar interest rates firm, the yawning U.S. budget deficit showing no signs of closing and the American economy still growing strongly, scepticism over the effectiveness of official intervention in free markets is still rife.

Mr. David Morrison, chief economist at London brokers Simon and Coates, said: "While it may have slowed the pace of the dollar's rise, I still would not rule out the dollar reaching parity with sterling or the 3.50-mark level sometime this spring."

Some Milao dealers suggested the dollar may soon dip as low as 2.95 marks, but they too pointed to a strong political will in the U.S. to keep the dollar strong.

Dollar's rise worries U.S. multinationals

Meanwhile, the meteoric rise of the dollar, halted for the time being, has brought headaches for the top finance men at leading U.S. multinational corporations

who find their companies' foreign earnings are dwindling in dollar terms.

Apart from the constant problem of deciding when and how to manage the short-term risk of receiving income in foreign currencies, company officials are also worried about longer-term strategy in increasingly unpredictable foreign exchange markets.

"At the end of November we were expecting the dollar to reach 3.40 marks but we didn't think it would happen until April or May," said Mr. David Rukate, international currency analyst at the Union Carbide Chemical Group. The dollar stood at 3.10 marks at the end of November, but it soared above 3.40 on Monday and breached 3.47 marks for the first time since 1971 on Tuesday.

Recent company results highlight the problems that the strong dollar is creating, as many multinationals reported significantly reduced contributions from overseas operations in 1984 and offered little hope of any immediate turnaround in the early part of this year.

A spokeswoman for International Business Machines (IBM), the world's biggest computer company, told Reuters that if foreign exchange rates had remained the same as in 1983, its 1984 income growth from non-U.S. operations would have been more than double the actual rate of 8.9 per cent.

Far from standing still, the dollar last year rose 13.4 per cent against the mark, 19.8 per cent against sterling and 16 per cent against the Swiss franc.

IBM also said it would be very difficult to show any profits growth in the first quarter of 1985 because of "the unrelenting strength of the dollar."

Similar complaints were voiced at other leading multinationals, such as Coca Cola, which relies on its overseas operations for more than half of its operating profits.

Many treasurers said the dollar's strength was forcing them to play safe and "hedge" or insure their short-term foreign exchange risks, even if this limits profit-making capabilities.

"Whenever the dollar starts to move, you have to look at your dollar requirements for the next few months and hedge enough of them to avoid having to chase the market," said one currency manager.

Major strike grounds Pan Am flights

NEW YORK (R) — Mechanics of Pan American World Airways struck Thursday and, backed by three other unions, succeeded in grounding more than half the airline's 400 daily flights worldwide and delaying thousands of passengers.

The 5,700 members of the Transport Workers Union (TWU) walked out shortly after midnight. The union had demanded a 34 per cent wage increase while the company's last offer was for 20 per cent over three years.

Pan Am's three other unions, representing flight attendants, pilots and flight engineers, were honouring the TWU's picket lines, TWU Vice President Mike Bakalo said.

"We're getting 100 per cent support from the other unions," he said.

The carrier normally schedules about 400 daily departures, of which about 90 per cent are international flights. The airline carries about 39,000 passengers a day.

Pan Am spokesman Mr. Merle Richman said the strike forced the airline to cancel about 50 per cent of its international flights and "substantially more" of its domestic flights.

Union officials said the number of grounded flights was probably higher because nearly all of the company's 19,000 unionised workers were honouring the strike.

"With all 19,000 workers out, they could be operating on nothing more than a bare-bones schedule," Mr. Bakalo said.

Mr. Richman said Pan Am's supervisory personnel were running as much of the schedule as possible. Ticketholders for cancelled flights were being referred to other major airlines.

"Our strike contingency plan has been activated and all of our passengers are being ac-

commodated either on Pan Am flights or in other airlines where we had earlier arranged protective space," said Pan Am Vice Chairman Martin Shugrue.

Despite these arrangements, Pan Am conceded that many of its passengers were running into lengthy travel delays.

No date was set for resumption of talks.

Analysts said a lengthy strike could damage the carrier's prospects for gaining its normal share of ticket reservations for the summer tourist season. They said a prolonged strike might force the carrier into bankruptcy.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILT ABOVE WORTHY RITUAL

Answer: What does a small inlay cost these days?—A BIG OUTLAY

9 officers die in IRA mortar attack on station

NEWRY, Northern Ireland (R) — Nine officers were killed in an Irish guerrilla mortar attack on a police station, the worst to hit the local force since sectarian violence flared 15 years ago, police said Friday.

Thursday night's attack by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) reduced the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) building in this border town to little more than rubble, police said.

Deputy Chief Constable Michael McAtamney vowed: "The terrorists responsible will be brought to justice."

Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald condemned the IRA's "vicious murder of fellow Irishmen" and said his government would spare no effort to apprehend those responsible if they crossed into the Irish Republic.

Police in Newry said at least nine mortar bombs were fired from a lorry parked 200 metres away. An army bomb disposal team had been called in to deal with some which failed to explode, they said.

The mortar bombs whistled over the rooftops of a restaurant and several shops and offices before crashing into the heavily guarded police compound, devastating the canteen.

Police said 37 people were injured, 25 of them civilians, but all except one had since been released from hospital.

They had said earlier that eight officers and one civilian were killed, but later identified all nine dead as policemen.

Newry is predominantly Catholic and strongly nationalist. One supporter of the IRA, which is fighting British rule of the province, drove past the scene Friday morning hooting his car horn.

In a second attack Thursday night, a part-time soldier was killed and two others injured in a bomb explosion in the small town of Pomeroy, 50 kilometres to the north west.

In a telegram to McAtamney, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said the Newry attack was another "chilling reminder of the sacrifice made by the RUC in the fight against terrorism."

The IRA said in a statement: "This is a major and well-planned operation indicating our ability to strike where and when we decide."

It was the outlawed group's boldest strike since a bomb blast narrowly failed to kill Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and several ministers in a hotel in Brighton, England, last October. Five

other guests died.

The mortar barrage at the Newry Police Station was the most lethal attack on Northern Ireland's police since a wave of sectarian violence began more than 15 years ago.

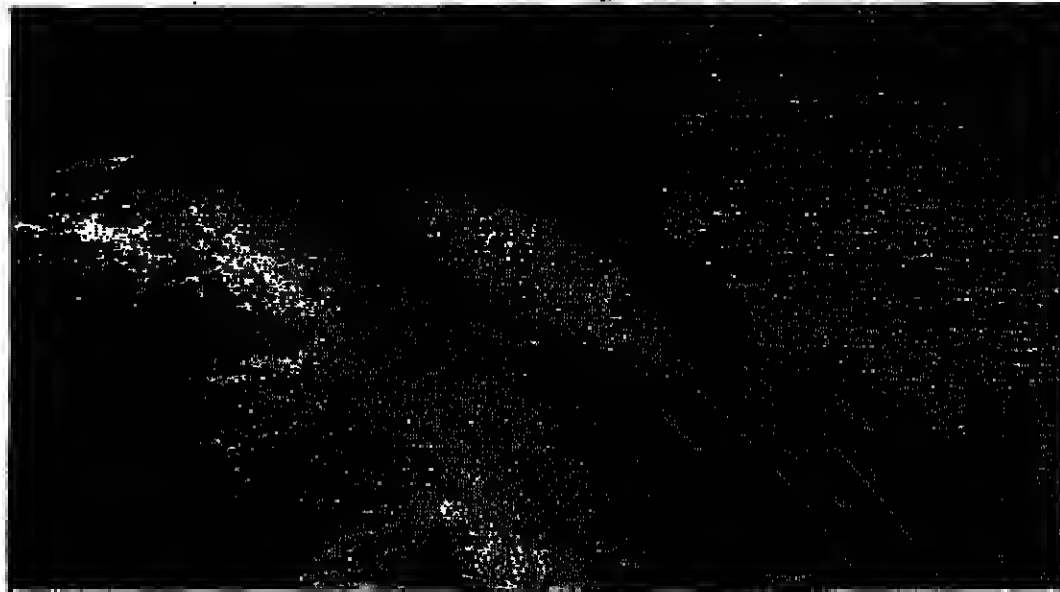
Thursday night's attacks capped a fortnight of rising tension in the province during which eight men had already died. Five, including another policeman, were killed by Republican guerrillas and three were IRA men shot in a British army ambush.

The Pomeroy bomb attack was in another IRA heartland. The three soldiers, members of the locally-recruited Ulster Defence Regiment, were on foot patrol when a bomb detonated behind a wall they were passing. One of the two injured men was in a serious condition.

The Newry blitz was the first time the IRA had used mortar bombs with significant effect.

All the dead were in the canteen, a flimsy prefabricated annex to the main station building. Eyewitnesses said a hail of glass filled the air as the bombs fell.

Brenda Finnegan, a nurse who was in the house next door, said she was thrown downstairs by the force of the blast. "It was like slow motion. I could hear men and women in the station shouting and screaming 'God help me, what is happening,'" she said.



LARGEST SUBMARINE AT SEA: This photo of the new 24,000-tonne Soviet Typhoon class ballistic missile submarine cruising in the Barents Sea recently was made available by the Ministry of Defence in London. It is believed that the Soviet Navy already has three of the vessels which are three times larger than British Polaris submarines, and 6,000 tonnes heavier than the U.S. Trident missile submarines (AP wirephoto)

12,000 Tamils flee to south India

NEW DELHI (R) — About 12,000 Sri Lankan Tamils fled by boat to the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu in February, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Friday.

The news agency said 45 boats carrying 1,031 Tamil refugees arrived Thursday at the fishing port of Rameswaram.

It quoted official sources as saying 11,998 Tamils had fled across the 20-mile Palk Straits to escape harassment by the Sri Lankan army since the exodus began on Feb. 5.

Guerrillas in Sri Lanka's north are fighting for a separate state for the island's 2.5 million Tamils. The Indian government has said at least 40,000 Tamil refugees

crossed to Tamil Nadu in 1983 after about 400 people died in ethnic violence between Tamils and Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese.

PTI quoted a government announcement in New Delhi as saying adequate relief was being organised for the latest influx.

The statement said accommodation at two refugee camps in Mandapam and Kottapattin, near Rameswaram, was being expanded and camp sites being investigated in other Indian states.

Tamil Nadu's 50 million Tamils have close cultural and religious links with Sri Lankan Tamils.

Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene proposed last month that the two countries should jointly

patrol the Palk Straits.

He said the patrols could intercept Tamil separatist guerrillas crossing over from training camps in south India — a charge repeatedly denied by New Delhi — and also stem the flow of Tamil refugees.

But Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi rejected the proposal and the Indian government accused the island's navy of attacking Indian fishermen within Indian territorial waters.

Colombo claimed on Wednesday that refugees seized by the Sri Lankan Navy said they were being forced to flee by separatist guerrillas hoping to spur New Delhi to intervene in the island's crisis.

Austria hunts man who shot Libyan

VIENNA (R) — Austrian police Friday hunted a gunman who five times wounded former Libyan ambassador to Austria Ezzedin Al Ghadamsi, 45, an opponent of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

Mr. Ghadamsi, shot outside his home here Thursday, was listed as seriously ill in hospital.

Police found seven empty pistol cartridge cases near the former diplomat just inside the grounds of his house in Vienna's exclusive Doehling district.

A police spokesman said police were looking for a man seen running away from the scene of the shooting. Previous assumptions that the suspect had been driven away by an accomplice had proved to be unfounded.

Mr. Ghadamsi was one of a group of officers led by Col. Qadhafi who overthrew Libyan King

Idris in September 1969, and was appointed ambassador to Austria in 1971.

Mr. Ghadamsi was sacked as ambassador in 1981 after Libyan students and embassy employees took over the embassy and set up a Libyan People's Bureau.

He then lived in retirement mainly in Austria.

A police spokesman said that, while the former diplomat was known to have political differences with Col. Qadhafi, he had not apparently belonged to any opposition group of Libyan exiles.

The spokesman added that he had never asked for police protection or indicated he feared his life was in danger. But he said political motives for the shooting could not be excluded.

Libya said Friday a Libyan shot

and badly wounded in Vienna Thursday was on his embassy staff in the Austrian capital and described the attack as "treachery."

Referring to the shot Libyan as "brother Ezzedin Al Ghadamsi" a Libyan government spokesman, quoted by the official Libyan News Agency Al-Naba, said such shooting were carried out by "terrorists with grudges against the Libyan people."

It said Mr. Ghadamsi was on the staff of the Libyan Arab People's Bureau (embassy) in the Austrian capital.

Nicaragua, U.S. may hold talks in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO (R) — Uruguay was expected to return to democracy Friday after 11 years of military rule and the occasion could be used to revive peace talks between the United States and Nicaragua.

President Julio Sanguinetti, elected in November, was due to take office formally in a ceremony attended by representatives of 51 countries, including six Latin American presidents and Prime Ministers Felipe Gonzalez of Spain and Bettino Craxi of Italy.

Secretary of State George Shultz, representing Washington, said during a stopover Thursday in the Ecuadorian city of Guayaquil that he was prepared to meet Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega while both were in Montevideo.

Mr. Ortega, who arrived Thursday, told reporters he hoped to meet Mr. Shultz to resume talks which the United States broke off earlier this year.

The left-wing Sandinist leader offered on Wednesday to withdraw 100 Cuban military advisers and freeze arms purchases in an attempt to revive Central American peace efforts by the Contadora Group of Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia.

Gandhi determined to solve Punjab crisis

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi Friday said he was determined to solve the Punjab crisis and his government had an open mind on peace talks with Sikh leaders.

The news agency quoted Mr. Gandhi at an election rally in Western Rajasthan state as urging leaders of the main Sikh Party, the Akali Dal, to seriously consider his conditions for resuming talks suspended a year ago.

Mr. Gandhi has said no talks could be held until the Akali Dal promised to keep its demands within the Indian constitution and condemned Sikh extremist violence.

He appealed to the Akali Dal at the rally at Srianganagar, near Rajasthan's border with Punjab state, not to do anything that would threaten national unity, PTI reported.

"This battle will have to be fought by Sikhs. They have to demonstrate that those who want to disintegrate the country are very few," Mr. Gandhi was quoted as saying.

Senior Akali Dal leaders have been in detention since last June when troops stormed the Sikhs' holiest shrine, Amritsar's Golden Temple, to root out extremists sheltering there.

Millions of Indians vote Saturday in state elections that will indicate how Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's popularity is faring after his national election win.

Almost two-thirds of India's 380 million electorate will be eligible to vote in the polls in 11 states Saturday and on Tuesday. Elections for 940 seats are being held on the first day and for another 1,580 on the second.

Mr. Gandhi, whose Congress (I) Party won a landslide victory in December, has returned to the campaign trail urging voters to elect Congress (I)-led state governments as well.

His party won an unprecedented 80 per cent majority in the national poll and rules wholly or in coalition in 18 out of the country's 22 states.

The election run-up has been hit by outbreaks of violence.

Two Congress (I) workers were killed and 20 injured when a tractor carrying supporters of the ruling Telugu Desam Party in Andhra Pradesh state crashed into a Congress (I) tractor Thursday, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

In the Kavali constituency of Andhra Pradesh, a candidate was murdered Friday and polling will be suspended in the district, the agency said.

The news agency said Palakiri Kotiah, candidate for the Democratic Telugu Desam Party (DTDP), was stabbed to death, but it gave no other details of the killing.

In the Western state of Rajasthan, four people have died and more than 200 have been injured in protests over the killing last week by police of an independent politician.

Police have said Man Singh, who represented the Deeg constituency since 1952, was killed when he fired at officers trying to arrest him for attempted murder.

The state's Congress (I) Chief Minister, S.C. Mathur, resigned over the killing, which has become the main election issue for opposition parties united over the affair.

A Congress (I) candidate was murdered on Wednesday by gunmen who raided the party offices in the town of Masaurhi in the eastern state of Bihar. The poll there was suspended.

In the central state of Madhya Pradesh and the Western state of Gujarat, campaigning has been marked by student agitation over the government's policy of reserving a set quota of jobs and university places for underprivileged classes.

Bishop accuses Indonesia of massacre in Timor

DILI, East Timor (R) — The head of the Catholic Church in East Timor has accused the Indonesian military of executing 84 men, women and children during a security operation in 1983.

But Mario Carrascalao, governor of the former Portuguese colony annexed by Indonesia in 1976, said the allegations by Monsignor Carlos Belo, Bishop of Dili, were untrue.

The bishop said in an interview with the first foreign reporters allowed into East Timor in 18 months that villagers in the eastern district of Viqueque had given him a list of the victims.

The list included the names of teenage schoolboys, he said. The dead were buried in two mass graves, he said.

"I saw the graves. The places where these people were buried. In one place about 70 and in another place 14," he said.

He accused the military of carrying out the executions in a security sweep in August or September, 1983 after 16 army engineers were killed by guerrillas of Fretilin, the revolutionary front for an independent East Timor, in the village of Claras.

But Carrascalao, asked to

Chernenko looks shaky, breathless on TV

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko has reappeared after eight weeks out of public view but in such obviously poor health that Western observers Friday doubted he would be able to resume his duties fully.

Soviet Television news Thursday night showed Mr. Chernenko pale and breathing with difficulty as he received his credentials as a parliamentary deputy following elections last Sunday.

It was the second television glimpse of the Soviet leader in five days. He had been shown on Sunday evening, looking equally unwell, casting his ballot in a posed sequence which sparked rumours that it was filmed at his home or in a hospital.

Western diplomats who watched both appearances said it seemed the authorities had wanted to show Mr. Chernenko could do more than utter a few words as in Sunday's 50-second sequence.

Thursday night's film of Mr. Chernenko, along with Moscow city Communist Party Chief Viktor Grishin and local officials from Mr. Chernenko's constituency, lasted five minutes. But the Soviet leader looked tired, unwell and uneasy throughout.

Mr. Chernenko had difficulty putting on his spectacles to read his short speech of thanks to the voters of Moscow's Kuibyshev District. He muttered a breathless "spasibo" (thank you) when shown a cut-glass goblet given him by local workers.

Man throws wife out of 4th floor window

BELGRADE (R) — A 31-year-old Yugoslav has been charged with killing his wife by throwing her out of a fourth floor window, Belgrade newspapers have reported. An investigating magistrate, quoted by the newspapers, said Miljenko Licburg threw his wife Zora, 30, from their Zagreb apartment block on Feb. 4. He then hid the body in a nearby garage and took his girlfriend, who was unaware of what he had done, to the flat where they spent the night, the magistrate said.

Cuba's champion cow dies

HAVANA (R) — Cuba mourned the death of its prodigious milk cow Ubre Blanca (white udder), once listed as the world's most productive. The official newspaper Granma reported that the 13-year-old animal, which produced more than 100 litres of milk in one day three years ago, taking it into the Guinness Book of Records, had been put down because of old age. The body of Ubre Blanca, which became a national institution often visited by President Fidel Castro on a farm off Cuba's south coast, will be stuffed and put on show in a museum. Ubre Blanca leaves many offspring.

Husband talks his way to a divorce

LONDON (R) — Pensioner Albert Collins talked his way to a divorce by loudly haranguing his wife, children, and friends for years with his opinions on any subject. Collins, 67, a retired engineer, sat at home in pyjamas all week, delivering his views on the world. He dressed only on Thursdays to collect his pension from the post office, a court was told. The rest of the time he shouted and harangued his wife Margaret, his children and anyone who came into the house. But on Thursday he had to listen to someone else, a divorce court judge who said: "Anything will set him off. His extraordinary behaviour has driven away all his wife's friends. Whenever they came round, he would be sitting there and launch into a tirade." Ending the 29-year marriage, the judge told Collins to quit the family home in Stevenage, near London.

Female jockey pulled up over rude words

LONDON (R) — Top woman jockey Jayne Thompson has been warned by stewards about unadvisable language during a mid-race clash with a male rival. She told Phil Tuck what he could do, using four-letter words, and he complained to race authorities. Stewards cautioned her, but cleared her of any offence. Jayne, 20, Britain's leading woman jockey, said she had used a couple of four-letter words "but that is the sort of language jockeys use at me when they are bawling and shouting during races." She said: "We both went for a gap which opened up between horses in front of us and I beat Phil to it. Phil shouted at me to watch where I was going in future and I told him to p— off."

Times editor apologises to Queen

LONDON (R) — The editor of the Times of London has apologised to Queen Elizabeth over a row which arose when she discussed the coalminers' strike during a visit to the newspaper. Charles Douglas-Home said he told the monarch he was sorry for "nonsense" surrounding her reported remarks in a discussion with the paper's Labour editor, Paul Routledge. Routledge, apparently breaking protocol by revealing a conversation with the Queen who is traditionally aloof from political issues, told reporters: "I think she felt the dispute was essentially promoted by (miners' leader) Mr. (Arthur) Scargill." But her official spokesman said: "The Queen does not take sides in any dispute." Then the Times, whose 200th anniversary brought the Royal visit Thursday, issued a statement saying: "The Queen did not at any time say the miners' strike was promoted by Mr. Arthur Scargill." Mr. Douglas-Home spoke to the Queen about the incident when she left the building after a second visit to see the paper printed Thursday night. He said later: "I said I was sorry that we had had this nonsense. The Queen was very gracious about it." He told reporters that both he and Routledge regretted the incident which "will certainly not happen again."

GOREN BRIDGE

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HEED THE WARNING

Both vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH

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♥ A1032

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WEST

♠ Q10970542

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EAST

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2 ♠ Dble 3 ♠ Pass

4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass

7 ♠ Pass Pass Dble

8 Dble Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: 10 of ♠.

For the most part, believe your

opponents. They are honest fellows.

A pair of world champions failed to

heed this advice — to their cost.

Some years ago in the European

Championships, Michel Lebel,

North, and Paul Chemla, South,

who have been mainstays of

France's international squad for

many years, renched seven

diamonds on the sequence shown.

East's double was for an unusual

lead, in this instance spades, but

North, who knew that his partner

had only four spades and heart

shortness, thought the danger in a

major-suit lead was, at worst,

remote. South's redouble was to

reassure his partner about the

quality of his hand — he had not

come close to showing the extra

values he possessed.

But remote is not a synonym for

impossible. West knew which major

to lead, and East ruffed the opening

suit lead for a one-trick set.

If either North or South had

chosen to believe the opponents, he

could have pulled to seven or

trump. Even though there are only

12 up tricks, declarer can claim the

contract. Who declarer runs his

eight red-suit winners, West's

whole hand counts out after he

shows up with only one heart and no

diamonds.

West must find seven discards on

the red winners. He can part with

five spades and one club, but the

last red card squeezes him uncer-

tainly. He must either stuff a spade

and promote a third spade trick for

declarer, or else part with a club

and allow the table to score the

fulfilling trick with the third club.

Thatcher to make Asian trip in April

LONDON (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, keen to boost ties with South East Asia, makes her postponed trip to Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia in April, diplomatic sources have said.

She will also stop in Sri Lanka on the way home to open Britain's biggest overseas aid project, a dam and hydro-electric scheme.

The sources said the 10-day tour from April 5 to 14 will be announced within the next week.

It will be Mrs. Thatcher's first trip to South East Asia since she came to power in 1979. She had planned to go last September but put off the visit because of pressing concern over a damaging miners' strike, now dragging on towards a second year.

The sources said there could be controversy over her visit to Sri Lanka, where Tamil secessionists were fighting a guerrilla war against the government.

Some British politicians wanted Mrs. Thatcher to miss Sri Lanka, maintaining her presence in Col-

ombo would be seen as siding with the government against the minority Tamils, the sources said.

But one British diplomat said Mrs. Thatcher would not hesitate to voice her concern about the Tamil problem.

However he said the main purpose of going to Sri Lanka was to open the Victoria Dam on the Mahaweli River — built with £113 million (\$124 million) in British aid.

Diplomatic sources said Mrs. Thatcher's first stop would be Malaysia from April 5-8 and she would be concentrating on something political and trade links with the former colony.

Relations were strained by a "don't buy British" drive in 1981 and the sources said Malaysia was still annoyed at being denied more flights to London for its national airline.

British officials insist the frequency of air services is up to state-owned British Airways, not the British government.

On her next stop in the bustling

island state of Singapore, the sources said Mrs. Thatcher would confer with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and also hoped to meet his heir-apparent, Defence Minister Goh Chok Tong.

In Indonesia, Mrs. Thatcher would have talks with government leaders in Jakarta and visit an aircraft factory in Bandung.

Diplomatic sources said political discussions in the South East Asian capitals would range over international issues and regional problems worrying ASEAN, an association grouping Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei.

Thatcher would give her view of prospects for East-West détente, based on her recent talks with President Reagan and leading Soviet politician Mikhail Gorbachev, the sources said.

As for regional security, she would endorse ASEAN's concern about a perceived threat to Thailand's borders from Vietnamese-backed Communist forces in Kampuchea.</